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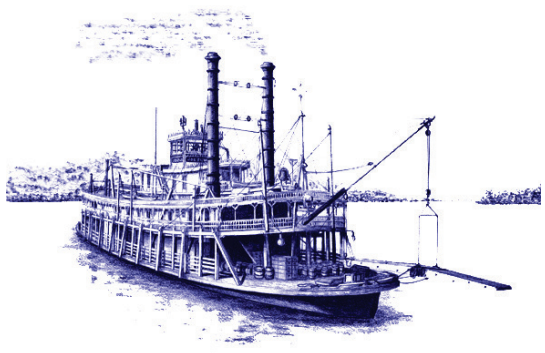

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Three more Destination Madison projects approved

Ohio Theatre, connector trail, amphitheater parking given nod

BY BOB DEMAREE

Three additional Destination Madison projects were approved by the Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority at its meeting on Friday after a presentation by Madison city officials.

"Nearly two years in the making, 2023 is proving to be the dividend year for economic development," said Madison Mayor Bob Courtney. "So far, six of Destination Madison's investments are moving forward with capital support from Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority and resulting in new investments for placemaking and community capacity building. We are very grateful for all of our public private partnerships that are making this multi-million-dollar investment happen."

Last year, OurSIRDA allotted $2,556,200 for Destination Madison projects from an overall $50 million allocation the region was awarded in the READI (Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative) grant from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC)

Previously, funds were dedicated for two Destination Madison projects — the Mulberry Street Arts Corridor and the Milton-Madison bridge gateway. On Friday, funds were also allocated for the Ohio Theatre, Hanover-Madison Connector Trail and the Indiana Music City Amphitheater Parking Improvements.

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Southwestern Homecoming Celebration

Ashley Fulton (left) and Alex Hitchcock were crowned princess and prince of Southwestern High School's homecoming on Saturday night.

Photos by Bob Demaree

Southwestern High School's basketball homecoming celebration was held on Saturday night as the Rebels defeated Hauser 75-63. The king and queen of the festivities were Carter Harmon (left) and Emma Long.

Lawmakers return for session of spending decisions

BY TOM DAVIES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana lawmakers return Monday the Statehouse for the start of this year's legislative session with a large budget surplus and a long list of big-ticket spending wishes to sort through.

The drafting of a new two-year state budget will be the primary focus of the Republican-dominated Legislature during its session expected to last until late April, but debates on topics such as hot-button social issues and a push for marijuana legalization could force their way to the forefront.

Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb has proposed the largest funding boost for K-12 schools in more than a decade and a major spending increase for public health programs. Some top GOP legislators, however, are worried about the costs of those plans amid an expected slowdown in the growth of state tax collections.

A look at some top issues for the legislative session:

SPENDING DECISIONS

The state's surging tax collections and the infusion of federal COVID-19 relief funding prompted last year's distribution of $325-per-taxpayer rebates and approval of a seven-year gradual cut in the state's individual income tax rate. That has still left the state with $2.3 billion, or about 12%, more expected tax revenue coming in for the current budget year than its planned spending.

Holcomb last week proposed a 6% K-12 funding boost for the next school year and is seeking $120 million to eliminate textbook fees for public school students. Other top proposals include nearly $350 million over the next two years toward a major funding increase for public health programs and $500 million for a new round of regional economic development grants.

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MPB proposing fees for exercise programs

BY BOB DEMAREE

Madison Parks Board has proposed establishing fees for exercises classes at Brown Gym but took no decision on the proposal at its meeting on Wednesday.

There are currently no fees for those who participate in exercise classes at Brown Gym but board president Carla Eades Krebs said that's the opposite of all other activities at the gym. "Everyone that uses the Brown Gym, whether it be for a sports team or a city-sponsored activity, does pay a fee to use it except the exercise people."

The proposed fees for exercise classes would be the same as what walkers pay to use the Brown Gym — $1 per day, $20 for six months or $35 for a year. The fee would encompass all of the exercise classes held weekdays at 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. including Tai Chi (Wednesday), aerobics (Tuesday and Friday) and low-impact aerobics (Monday and Thursday).

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UN: Ozone layer slowly healing, hole to mend by year 2066

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
AP SCIENCE WRITER

DENVER — Earth's protective ozone layer is slowly but noticeably healing at a pace that would fully mend the hole over Antarctica in about 43 years, a new United Nations report says.

A once-every-four-years scientific assessment found recovery in progress, more than 35 years after every nation in the world agreed to stop producing chemicals that chomp on the layer of ozone in Earth's atmosphere that shields the planet from harmful radiation linked to skin cancer, cataracts and crop damage.

"In the upper stratosphere and in the ozone hole we see things getting better," said Paul Newman, co-chair of the scientific assessment.

The progress is slow, according to the report presented Monday at the American Meteorological Society convention in Denver. The global average amount of ozone 18 miles high in the atmosphere won't be back to 1980 pre-thinning levels until about 2040, the report said. And it won't be back to normal in the Arctic until 2045.

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Forgotten drugs lead to felony arrest

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The discovery of a bag of drugs in the bathroom of a Madison hilltop business early Saturday morning led to the arrest of a Madison man on drug charges later that evening.

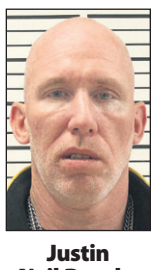
Madison Police responded to a business in the 1800 block of Cragmont Street after an employee found a bag of drugs abandoned in the bathroom and called police at approximately 2 a.m. Police recovered what was identified as a bag containing methamphetamine.

Later on Saturday a man showed up at the business asking if anyone had found his methamphetamine. The business contacted police again and a suspect was identified using surveillance footage from the second encounter.

Christian Blake Horton

Paula Peyton

Rebecca G. Richards



Justin Neil Brooks

At 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Madison Patrolman Andrew Gibbs, who led the investigation, stopped the suspect's vehicle and arrested Christian Blake Horton, 27, Madison. While searching Horton, police located more methamphetamine and charged Horton with Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony.

Horton was lodged in the Jefferson County Jail and also charged with Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony; Trafficking with an Inmate; a Level 5 felony; and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony. He is being held without bond.

On Friday, Madison Police arrested Paula Raisor, 34, New Castle, Kentucky, for possession of heroin after MPD Patrolman Curtis Shelpman conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in which Raisor was a passenger. Shelpman obtained consent to search the vehicle and a bag containing suspected heroin was found. Raisor was charged with Possession of a Narcotic Drug, a Level 6 felony, and lodged in the Jefferson County Jail.

On Thursday, Justin Neil Brooks, 41, and Rebecca G. Richards, 38, both of Madison, were arrested on narcotics-related charges.

Patrolman Trent Smith conducted a traffic stop involving Brooks and Richards in which he developed probable cause to conduct a search of the vehicle. Methamphetamine, marijuana and a syringe were found and Brooks was also found to have an outstanding arrest warrant in Jefferson County.

Brooks was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. Richards was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of a Syringe, both Level 6 felonies. Both were lodged in the Jefferson County Jail with Brooks being held on a $5,000 cash bond and Richards on a $1,005 cash bond.

On Wednesday, Hanover Police arrested Larry Dale Covington Jr., 47, Madison, for Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony; Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony; Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony; Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. He was lodged in the Jefferson County Jail where he is being held without bond.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

Jan. 7, 2023

- Bonifacio Perez Cruz, 21, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond $500 cash.
- Gavin Tyler Etherton, 19, Hanover, for Possession of a Schedule Drug and Possession of a Legend Drug and Obstruction of Justice, all Level 6 felonies. No bond.
- Christian Blake Horton, 27, Madison, for Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony; Trafficking with an Inmate; a Level 5 felony; and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

Jan. 9, 2023

- Jonny Efrain Brizuela Erazo, 35, Hanover, for Driving While Suspended-Conviction of Criminal Offense, a Class A misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

SUPERIOR COURT

Sentencings

Jan. 6, 2023

- Deborah Lee Ward, 39, Madison, for Counterfeiting-Written Instrument, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 88 days jail served and 452 days suspended for supervised probation plus $485 in fees and court costs.
- Nancy Jo Mahoney, 56, Hanover, for amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 74 days jail served plus 656 days suspended for supervised probation plus $1,410 in fees and court costs.
- Jesse R. Atkins, 34, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement-Forcible, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 66 days jail on each charge, concurrent, with credit for 66 days served and 304 days suspended for supervised probation plus $1,110 in fees and court costs.
- Audrey Elaine Munden, 25, Dupont, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 48 days jail served and 492 days suspended for supervised probation plus $1,285 in fees and court costs.
- Janelle Sumner, 39, Milton, Kentucky, for amended charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of a Narcotic Drug, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction on each charge, concurrent, with credit for 8 days jail served and 532 days suspended for supervised probation plus $1,210 in fees and court costs.
- Breanna K. Behne, 30, Madison, for amended charge of Visiting a Common Nuisance-Controlled Substances, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 6 days jail with credit for 6 days served plus $185 in fees and court costs.
- Michael Gay, 52, Madison, for amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 370 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 6 days jail served and 364 days suspended for supervised probation plus $910 in fees and court costs.
- Yvonne Reynolds, 57, Hamilton, Ohio, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 370 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 16 days jail served and 354 days suspended for supervised probation plus $1,060 in fees and court costs.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:58 a.m.
Sunset: 5:40 p.m.
Temperature: High 42, Low 30, Mean 36.0, Excess 5.8
Precipitation since last published: .05.
Precipitation, January 2023: 1.77
Precipitation, 2023: 1.77
Barometer: 30.29, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 427.2, Falling
Forecast: Wednesday: Showers High 52/Low 50; Thursday: Thunderstorms High 58/Low 33; Friday: Snow showers 36Low 27.

LOTTERY

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 10-25-26-28-34-35 (1/7). Next Estimated Jackpot: $7.8 million. Next Drawing (1/11).
Daily 3: 8-9-6 SB: 0
Daily 4: 9-5-6-8 SB: 0
Cash Five: 2-7-9-33-42 (1/8)
Cash 4 Life: 1-10-23-32-54 CB: 3 (1/8)

KENTUCKY

Pick 3: 6-5-1
Pick 4: 5-1-3-0
Cash Ball: 3-6-15-16 CB: 23 (1/8)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 6-12-17-25-26 (1/8)
Lucky For Life: 6-18-32-42-47 LB: 9 (1/8)
MEGAMILLIONS: 3-20-46-59-63 MB: 13, MP x3 (1/6). Next Jackpot: $1.1 billion. Next Drawing (1/10)
POWERBALL: 35-36-44-45-67 PB: 14, PP: 3 (1/7). Next Estimated Jackpot: $340 million. Next Drawing (1/9)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 10-17-23-29-49 PB: 20 (1/7). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (1/9)

FEES

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Parks Director Matt Woolard estimates that an average of 60 people participant in each of the exercise classes.

Margaret Nowling said most of the participants in the exercise classes are senior citizens and expressed concern on whether some could afford the fee. "We have people in their 80s and 90s and some of them are on fixed incomes, and any increase, or any fee that they didn't have to pay before ... can be a hardship."

However, if there must be a fee, Nowling wants to be certain that it's equitable to what others pay. "It looks like we're paying more" in that exercise classes are one hour per day on weekdays. She suggested the cost is comparatively less for other activities such as pickleball that uses Brown Gym for four hours per day on weekdays.

Krebs noted that pickleball, held on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., expanded to more hours due of the numbers of people who are participating. "If our exercise class program grows and we need to add more hours to that because the classes are too big, we're happy to accommodate that," she said. "As the pickle ball grew and we had 150 people signed up, we felt the need to open up more (hours) because of the numbers."

Charlie Ferguson, an organizer of the city's pickleball program, said that individual usage of Brown Gym for pickleball is actually likely to be less for pickleball than for exercise classes. He noted the exercise participants are likely to remain active for the entire hour but that's not the case for pickleball. "We have so many people at pickleball, we were playing one game which lasts about 15 minutes, for every 30 to 45 minutes." For pickleball, there are just 12 people on the court at a time while exercise classes are likely to have many more on the floor. "We're not playing four hours of pickleball," said Ferguson, noting they are only on the floor for a portion of that time. He said that adding another hour for pickleball, allowed about another 35 to 40 people to participate.

"We are very fortunate to have the instructors that we have in the Brown Gym. They're the best, and if there is going to be a fee I'd like to see the instructors be paid more than half the fee," Janice Campbell said.

Betty Gish said the exercise classes at Brown Gym are the only opportunity for organized exercise that she knows of for senior citizens in Madison. "These classes are really important so don't charge these older people so much that they'll stop coming."

In other business:

- Woolard provided a 2022 year-in-review of the parks department. He noted the parks department had a $2.2 million budget for year and managed 200 acres over 27 parks and facilities with approximately 90 staff members through the various seasons. There were 20 programs offered with 1,173 participants. And placer.ai data showed that 362,700 people visited the city's parks in 2022.
- Madison resident Lisa Ferguson proposed an Earth Day clean-up on the riverfront. "Our biggest park is that riverfront," she noted.
- Woolard said all season passes and cart stickers are now available at City Hall and will be available at the Sunrise Golf Course Pro Shop once it opens on Feb. 15.
- Krebs reported there will be a fraud prevention seminar at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Madison City Hall.

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BIRTHDAYS

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BIRTHDAYS

January 11
- Brick Cope

January 14
- Dave Taylor

January 15
- Linda Barbeau
- Wayne Engle

January 16
- Carter May — 10
- Sara Minor
- Aaron Paul Wood

January 17
- Lisa Crutchfield

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CLASSROOM TOPICS

Conservative lawmakers failed last year in an effort aimed at limiting classroom discussions on racial and political topics in the face of significant teacher opposition. They are poised this session to offer a bill similar to a Florida law adopted last year that critics dubbed "Don't Say Gay," which bans instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in kindergarten through third grade.

Indiana House education committee Chairman Robert Behning said he didn't know how much support the bill would receive but that he believed parents should lead such discussions with their children.

"Let's teach kids the basics and let's not try to get beyond that," Behning said.

Democratic leaders have called for a pause on social issue debates after Republicans pushed through a contentious abortion ban law last summer. Indiana State Teachers Association President Keith Gambill said the Legislature should avoid debating "polarizing issues" such as the Florida law.

Republican Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray recently showed little enthusiasm for legislators taking up the classroom topics issue again, saying it was "pretty vigorously" debated ahead of many local school board elections last fall.

"It's a great avenue for Hoosiers to take a look at that issue and make decisions more locally than we can here in the General Assembly," Bray said.

ABORTION BAN

Top Republicans say they don't expect action on abortion issues while awaiting a state Supreme Court ruling on whether the abortion ban adopted in August will go into effect.

A county judge ruled in September that the ban violates the Indiana Constitution's protections of individual rights. The Supreme Court has allowed abortions to continue in the state while it considers the lawsuit filed by abortion clinic operators, with the court scheduled to hear arguments in that case on Jan. 19.

"It wouldn't be wise at all for us to take a crack at any changes right now until we know what that ruling is going to be," Bray said.

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Advocates for relaxing Indiana's laws against marijuana use will be making a renewed push to get past long-standing opposition from Holcomb and Republican legislative leaders to such changes. Democrats and other supporters argue that legalization could benefit those wanting to use it for medical purposes, create new jobs and boost state tax revenue.

But Holcomb and top Republican lawmakers say they are reluctant to do so while marijuana remains illegal under federal law, even though recreational marijuana use is now being allowed in neighboring Michigan and Illinois and about 20 other states.

OBITUARIES

Nettie Coy

Nettie Marie Coy, 96, of Carrollton, Kentucky and formerly of Madison, Indiana, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at her home in Carrollton.

She was born on Oct. 23, 1926, in Trimble County, Kentucky, to Henry and Ona Parker Jone. She held many positions and retired as a supervisor at US Shoe Factory. She was a member of Milton Wesleyan Church until it closed and moved to Madison Calvary Wesleyan Church. She enjoyed reading and coloring.

Survivors include her children, Nancy Collier, of Carrollton, Larry Burns, of Madison and Ronny Burns, of San Antonio; and 11 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Joseph Burns on May 10, 1981; her second husband of 33 years, Harold Coy, on Nov. 27, 2016; her sisters, Ruth Irwin, LaVerne Burchfield and Mary K. Jones; her brothers, Johnny Jones, Nunelly Jones and Robert Jones; a grandson and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, on Madison's hilltop. Interment will follow in Grandview Memorial Gardens near Madison. Visitation is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10 and 10 a.m. until time of service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Tabor Wesleyan Church through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.lytlewelty.com.

Margaret Phillips

Margaret Catherine Greenhill Phillips, 96, of Madison, Indiana, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at Lincoln Hills Health Care Center in New Albany, Indiana.

She was born on July 13, 1926, in Atlanta, to Harry P. and Irene C. Willman Greenhill. She moved to southern Indiana at a young age and remained in the area for the remainder of her life. She married John C. Phillips and they had three children. She worked at Conn Organ for many years until the factory was closed in 1974. She then worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Kortokrax and Dr. Hamilton until her retirement in 1989. She was active in her church, Faith Alliance (24/7), and read her Bible daily. She enjoyed gardening, being with her dogs and spending time with her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. After becoming a resident at Lincoln Hills, she led a daily Bible study with other residents.

Survivors include her daughter, Janet Bowyer of Westport, Indiana; her sons, Michael Phillips of Elizabethtown, Indiana and John Fred Phillips of Madison; her sister, Vera Walters of Dupont, Indiana; and five grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband on May 2, 1997; a sister, Rita Booth; her brothers, Raymond Phillips and Charles L. Greenhill; and a great-great granddaughter and other family.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens near Madison. Visitation is 11 a.m. until the time of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Donald Thomas

Donald S. Thomas, 88, of Patriot, Indiana, died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at his residence in Patriot.

He was born on Oct. 2, 1934, in Florence, Indiana, to Ralph Leroy Thomas Sr. and Lillian Leona Skirvin Thomas. He was raised on Sugar Creek in Gallatin County, Kentucky, and attended school in Warsaw, Kentucky. He married Lulu Belle Powers on June 11, 1955, in Florence, Indiana, and they had a daughter and a son. He was drafted into the US Army until the service realized he was working on a barge and was then drafted into the US Navy with his induction on Nov. 21, 1955, in Cincinnati. He was honorably discharged on Aug. 27, 1957 and transferred to the reserves where he was discharged in 1961. He was employed for B&O Railroad in Covington, Kentucky, for three months and for Ashland Oil for nine months. He went to work for General Motors in Norwood, Ohio, in 1954 and retired in 1984 after 30 years of service. He received the Silver Star Farmers Award in 2017. He also served three terms on the FSA committee. He was a member of the Vevay American Legion Post 185 and the Vevay VFW Post 5396. He was a former member of the Concord Community Church in Patriot and a member of the Mt. Sterling Baptist Church in Mt. Sterling, Indiana. He enjoyed farming all of his life, raising tobacco, cattle, hay and grain. He had a passion for running his bulldozer and for International Harvester tractors. He loved tinkering on everything and keeping a meticulous home and lawn. He and his wife played music in various churches for several years and he and his wife made music together their entire married life. He loved bluegrass gospel music and could play numerous instruments.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years of Patriot; his daughter, Donna L. Knaus of Vevay, Indiana; his son, Anthony R. Thomas of Patriot; a sister, Barbara Ann Jones of Batesville, Arkansas; and four grandchildren, six great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and other family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Ralph Thomas Jr. on March 2, 2004 and Harold Wayne Thomas on Sept. 23, 2008; a sister, Ovida Faye Young on Dec. 18, 2008; and other family.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay. Interment and full military rites will be conducted by the honor guard of the Vevay American Legion Post 185 and the Vevay VFW Post 5396 at the Vevay Cemetery in Vevay. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at the funeral home.

Online condolences, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

David Huffman

David Wayne Huffman, 68, of Hanover, Indiana and formerly of Madison, Indiana, died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at Hanover Health & Rehab Center in Hanover.

He was born on Feb. 21, 1954, in Chicago, to Keith Huffman Sr. and Louise Huffman. He was raised in Chicago and graduated high school there. He later resided in Paris, Tennessee, for 20 years while working at various factories and had last worked as a janitor at the courthouse. He moved to Madison in 2017 and was a member of Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion and Madison VFW Post No. 1969. He was a Christian and loved animals. He enjoyed fishing, gambling, socializing and hanging out with his nieces and nephews.

Survivors include two sons, David Huffman and Wayne Huffman; his daughter, Brandy Huffman; a brother, Keith Huffman of Madison; and his nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Brian Huffman; his sister, Sharon Clark; and a brother, Donald Green.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Visitation is 4 p.m. until the time of services on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion through the funeral home.

Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Hanover council elects Kroger

2 members transition to board

BY BOB DEMAREE

Hanover Town Council, meeting for the first time in 2023, began Tuesday's session by electing new officers while transitioning two new members to that board.

Debbie Kroger was elected as president, replacing Kenny Garrett who had presided the last two years. Treva Shelton was elected vice president, taking over the position held by Kroger for the latter part of last year.

Kroger, who so far has served 19 years on town council, has been president in the past including 2020. She was nominated for president by Shelton who said, "I talked to Kenny Garrett. He would like to take a break (from being president) so I nominate Debbie Kroger as president."

Kroger asked Garrett to continue his work and role with the Department of Natural Resources grant for the Hanover Park and the town-Hanover College sewer project. "You've made some really good contacts," said Kroger, along with being involved in meetings on those projects. Garrett assured her that he will continue to do be involved in those projects.

The meeting was first for newly elected members Tim Buxton and Benjamin Sommer, replacing Denise Buxton and Kathi Scroggins, who did not seek reelection. Coby Cloud, the newly elected clerk-treasurer replacing Keith Mefford, was not in attendance.

In other business, the board:

• Town Marshal Shane Caldwell announced the promotion of Kyle Pence to sergeant, effective Tuesday, after six years as part of the Hanover Police Department.

Caldwell also reported 2022 statistics for the Hanover Police Department that included more than 200 arrests, 2,491 calls for service and 1,051 traffic stops.

"We want to thank the community and citizens that support us, the town board who supports us in what we do and the adjoining departments that come to our aid when we request it," Caldwell said.

• Rick Schnebelt, the town's building inspector and ordinance officer, submitted a year-end report to the council. He said local building projects for the year totaled $4,254,000 in investment with total fee costs of $31,825. Schnebelt added three new homes are starting this month with two more not completed yet.

• Deputy clerk-treasurer Kim Judge updated on the recently approved town compensation ordinance for 2023 that included town administrator, a position created during Mefford's term as clerk-treasurer. "We do not have that in the budget this year," she said, noting the position should have been taken out of the ordinance but it was overlooked and inadvertently included. "I know there has been some question about it, and I just wanted to clarify it for everybody."

• Approved a resolution for execution of agreements with the Indiana Department of Transportation, along with an ordinance establishing rules of procedure for the council for the year and an ordinance that allows cigarette tax funds deposited into the town's cumulative capital improvement to be transferred to the general fund.

Hanover Parks listed events lineup for 2023

Free yoga coming

BY BOB DEMAREE

A calendar of events for Hanover Parks Department programs was presented to the Hanover Parks Board at its meeting last Tuesday.

"We are excited about everything that is planned this year at the Hanover Parks Department," said parks director Scott Davidson. "From activities, programs and events to much needed improvements to our facilities. The support of the community and the park board/town council has been incredible and much appreciated."

Activities for the year will include the Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 1, Spring Craft Fair on May 6-7, Hanover Hackers Golf Open on June 3, Hanover Horsepower Car Show on Aug. 4-5, Halloween Spooktacular on Oct. 14, Veterans Day program on Nov. 10, Christmas Craft Fair on Dec. 2 and Holly Jolly Santa Celebration on Dec. 8-9. Also, the Tinsel Twinkle Trail lights will be on throughout the Hanover Community Park beginning Nov. 24 through Dec. 31.

Davidson said work is continuing on the Community Park ball fields with the Field 1 dugouts completed and the Field 2 dugouts nearly completed, along with fencing installation. He said the goal is to have the project completed by spring.

A free beginner's yoga class will be offered on Wednesdays at the Community Park building in February with two one-hour sessions — one beginning at 10:30 a.m. and the other beginning at 3:30 p.m. For more information call Davidson at 812-806-1042.

Women's Giving Circle grant applications due Jan. 31

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The Women's Giving Circle's is accepting online applications for its annual grant cycle until noon on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

During last year's cycle, the Women's Giving Circle awarded $15,600 to four nonprofit organizations with programs and projects that serve women and/or children in Jefferson County.

To apply, organizations must create a profile and complete the Online request application via the link available at https://cfmjc.org/wgcgrants.

The annual grants are made possible by the membership of the Women's Giving Circle. The Women's Giving Circle is a group of philanthropic-minded women of all ages, means and backgrounds who combine their financial strength to make a positive change for the women and children throughout Jefferson County. The Women's Giving Circle began in 2012 and has awarded nearly $185,000 into the community since its creation.

Annual membership (Jan. 1 to December 31 each calendar year) to the Women's Giving Circle is open to any woman in Jefferson County and requires only a $100 tax-deductible contribution. Junior memberships are $50 and open to girls ages 18 and under. Of the $100 annual donation, $75 goes in a fund for immediate granting and $25 is placed in an endowment fund for future granting. The junior membership is split $25/$25.

Assets of the Women's Giving Circle are held and maintained at the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County (CFMJC). Established in 1991 by a group of local volunteers, CFMJC fulfills the mission of building a strong, vibrant community by helping donors provide perpetual funding for the people, projects, and passions of Jefferson County.

For more information about the Women's Giving Circle Grant Cycle, visit https://cfmjc.org/wgcgrants, contact Kelly Miller at 812-274-0242, or email kelly@cfmjc.org

OZONE

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Antarctica, where it's so thin there's an annual giant gaping hole in the layer, won't be fully fixed until 2066, the report said.

Scientists and environmental advocates across the world have long hailed the efforts to heal the ozone hole — springing out of a 1987 agreement called the Montreal Protocol that banned a class of chemicals often used in refrigerants and aerosols — as one of the biggest ecological victories for humanity.

"Ozone action sets a precedent for climate action. Our success in phasing out ozone-eating chemicals shows us what can and must be done — as a matter of urgency — to transition away from fossil fuels, reduce greenhouse gases and so limit temperature increase," World Meteorological Organization Secretary-General Prof. Petteri Taalas said in a statement.

Signs of healing were reported four years ago but were slight and more preliminary. "Those numbers of recovery have solidified a lot," Newman said.

The two chief chemicals that munch away at ozone are in lower levels in the atmosphere, said Newman, chief Earth scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Chlorine levels are down 11.5% since they peaked in 1993 and bromine, which is more efficient at eating ozone but is at lower levels in the air, dropped 14.5% since its 1999 peak, the report said.

That bromine and chlorine levels "stopped growing and is coming down is a real testament to the effectiveness of the Montreal Protocol," Newman said.

"There has been a sea change in the way our society deals with ozone depleting substances," said scientific panel co-chair David W. Fahey, director of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's chemical sciences lab.

Decades ago, people could go into a store and buy a can of refrigerants that eat away at the ozone, punch a hole in it and pollute the atmosphere, Fahey said. Now, not only are the substances banned but they are no longer much in people's homes or cars, replaced by cleaner chemicals.

Natural weather patterns in the Antarctic also affect ozone hole levels, which peak in the fall. And the past couple years, the holes have been a bit bigger because of that but the overall trend is one of healing, Newman said.

This is "saving 2 million people every year from skin cancer," United Nations Environment Programme Director Inger Andersen told The Associated Press earlier this year in an email.

A few years ago emissions of one of the banned chemicals, chlorofluorocarbon-11 (CFC-11), stopped shrinking and was rising. Rogue emissions were spotted in part of China but now have gone back down to where they are expected, Newman said.

A third generation of those chemicals, called HFC, was banned a few years ago not because it would eat at the ozone layer but because it is a heat-trapping greenhouse gas. The new report says that the ban would avoid 0.5 to 0.9 degrees (0.3 to 0.5 degrees Celsius) of additional warming.

The report also warned that efforts to artificially cool the planet by putting aerosols into the atmosphere to reflect the sunlight would thin the ozone layer by as much as 20% in Antarctica.

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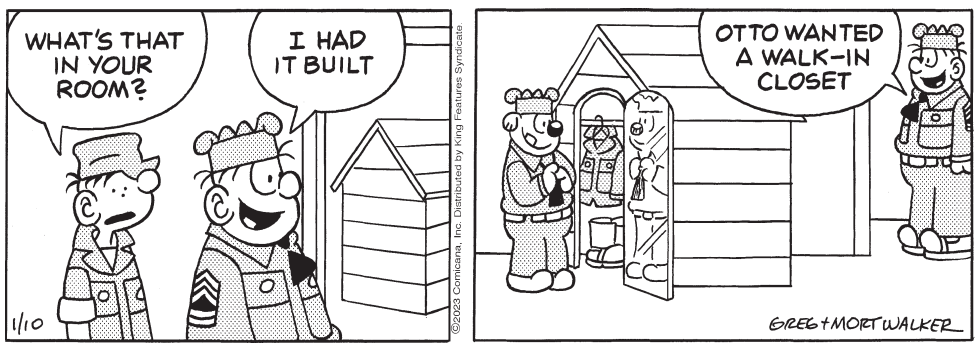
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I HAD IT BUILT
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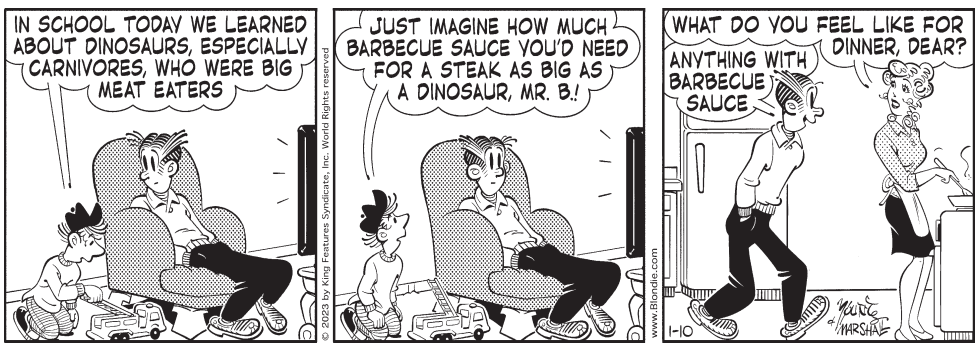
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WHAT DO YOU FEEL LIKE FOR DINNER, DEAR?
ANYTHING WITH BARBECUE SAUCE
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

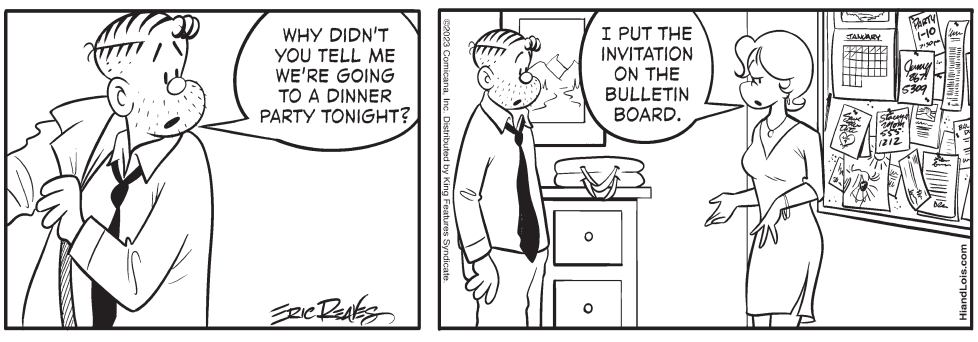
By Bil Keane

"Does that milk come from skinny cows?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"DO YOU LIKE ME MORE THAN GINA?" "WELL, HOW MUCH DOES GINA LIKE YOU?"

HI & LOIS


WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME WE'RE GOING TO A DINNER PARTY TONIGHT?
ERIC REASES
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I PUT THE INVITATION ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.
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WELCOME, EVERYONE! LET'S ALL JUST WARM UP A LITTLE.
YESSSS!
ZOE...?
I THOUGHT "WARM UP" MEANT GO GET HOT CHOCOLATE.
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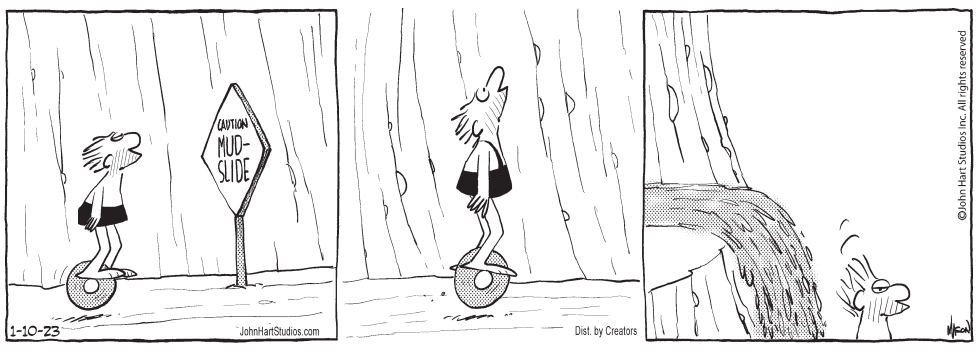

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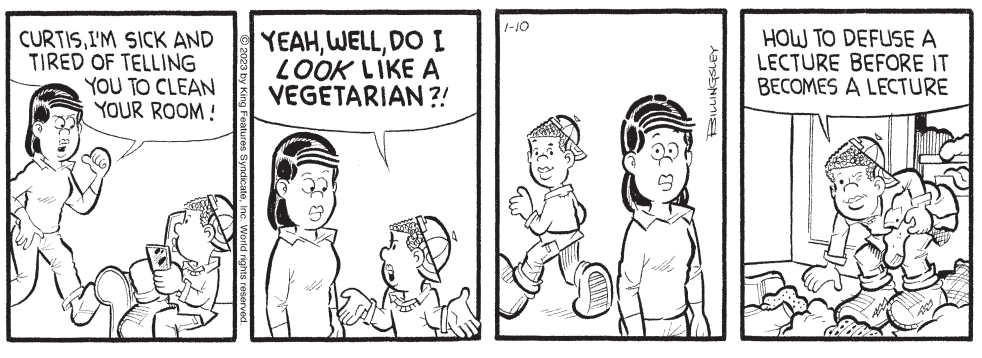
CURTIS, I'M SICK AND TIRED OF TELLING YOU TO CLEAN YOUR ROOM!
YEAH, WELL, DO I LOOK LIKE A VEGETARIAN?!
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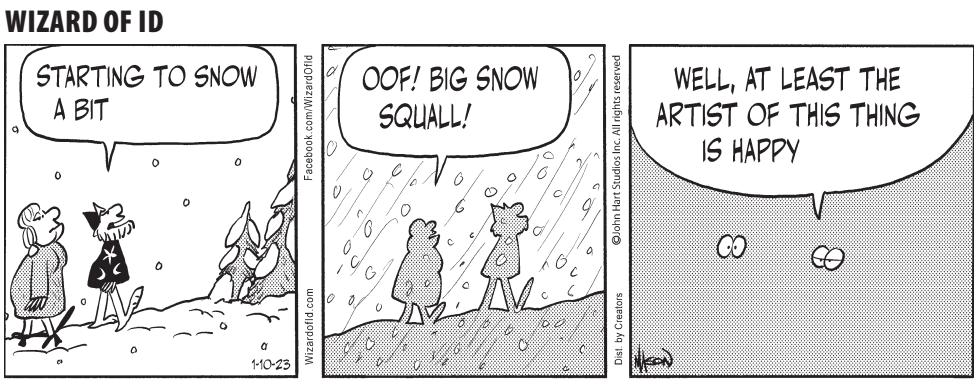
HOW TO DEFUSE A LECTURE BEFORE IT BECOMES A LECTURE

WIZARD OF ID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WELL, AT LEAST THE ARTIST OF THIS THING IS HAPPY

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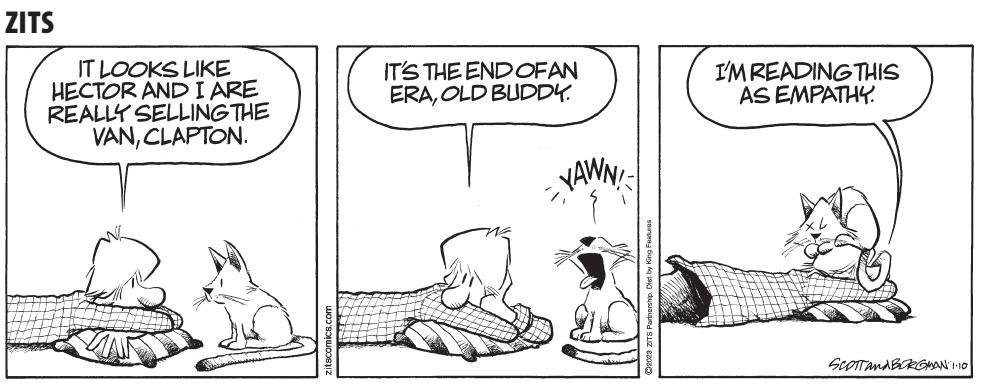
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SCOTT & JERRY BORGMAN 1-10

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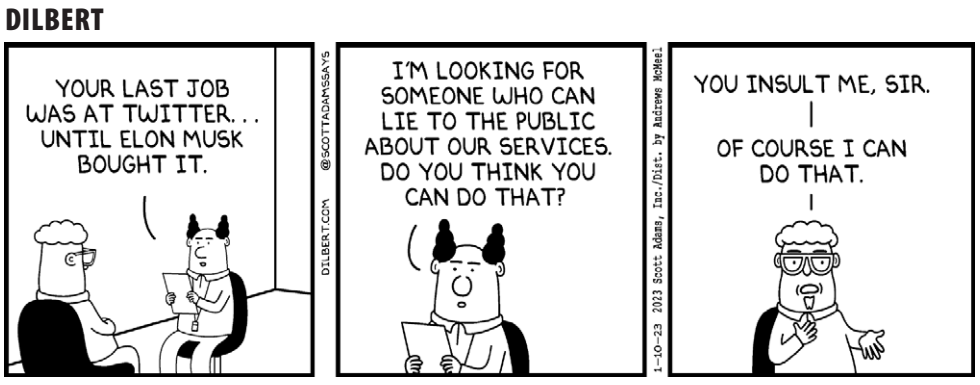
YOUR LAST JOB WAS AT TWITTER... UNTIL ELON MUSK BOUGHT IT.
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I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN LIE TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT OUR SERVICES. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO THAT?
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YOU INSULT ME, SIR.
OF COURSE I CAN DO THAT.

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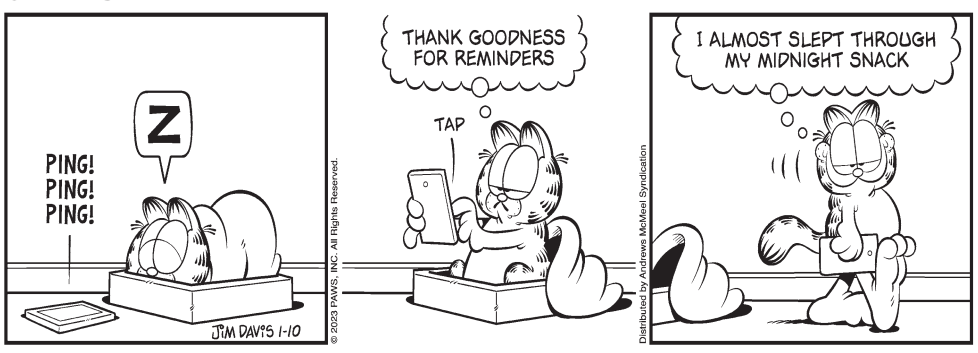

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WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE SECURITY CAMERAS YOUR MOTHER INSTALLED IN OUR HOUSE.
WHAT ABOUT THEM?
WATCH YO SELF
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I DON'T KNOW WHO'S WATCHING US.
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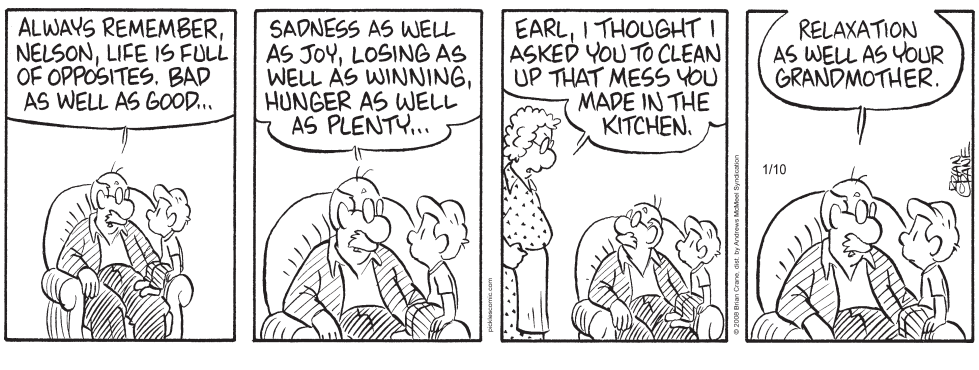
MAYBE THEY'RE FAKES SHE INSTALLED JUST TO SCARE INTRUDERS.
WRONG, PING-PONG.
I C U

PICKLES


ALWAYS REMEMBER, NELSON, LIFE IS FULL OF OPPOSITES. BAD AS WELL AS GOOD..
SADNESS AS WELL AS JOY, LOSING AS WELL AS WINNING, HUNGER AS WELL AS PLENTY...
EARL, I THOUGHT I ASKED YOU TO CLEAN UP THAT MESS YOU MADE IN THE KITCHEN.
RELAXATION AS WELL AS YOUR GRANDMOTHER.
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BRIAN CRANE
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 10, the 10th day of 2023. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 10, 1776, Thomas Paine anonymously published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense," which argued for American independence from British rule.

On this date:

In 1860, the Pemberton Mill in Lawrence, Massachusetts, collapsed and caught fire, killing up to 145 people, mostly female workers from Scotland and Ireland.

In 1861, Florida became the third state to secede from the Union.

In 1863, the London Underground had its beginnings as the Metropolitan, the world's first underground passenger railway, opened to the public with service between Paddington and Farringdon Street.

In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.

In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') went into effect.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his State of the Union address, asked Congress to impose a surcharge on both corporate and individual income taxes to help pay for his "Great Society" programs as well as the war in Vietnam. Massachusetts Republican Edward W. Brooke, the first Black person elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote, took his seat.

In 1971, French fashion designer Coco Chanel died in Paris at age 87.

In 1984, the United States and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations for the first time in more than a century.

In 2002, Marines began flying hundreds of al-Qaida prisoners in Afghanistan to a U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In 2003, North Korea withdrew from a global treaty barring it from making nuclear weapons.

In 2007, President George W. Bush said he took responsibility for any mistakes in Iraq and announced an increase in U.S. troops there to quell violence. The Democratic-controlled House voted 315-116 to increase the federal minimum wage to $7.25 an hour.

In 2011, a judge in Austin, Texas, ordered former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay to serve three years in prison for his money laundering conviction. (DeLay's conviction was ultimately overturned.) No. 1 Auburn beat No. 2 Oregon 22-19 on a last-second field goal to win the BCS national title.

Ten years ago: Vice President Joe Biden met with representatives from the National Rifle Association and other pro-gun groups as he worked on recommendations to curb gun violence. A series of bombings in different parts of Pakistan killed nearly 200 people. Three Kurdish women, including a founder of a militant separatist group battling Turkish troops, were found shot to death in Paris. Major League Baseball announced it would test for human growth hormone throughout the regular season and increase efforts to detect abnormal levels of testosterone.

Five years ago: The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra said Charles Dutoit had stepped down as artistic director and principal conductor after multiple allegations of sexual assault. After nine terms in the House, California Republican Rep. Darrell Issa announced that he would not seek re-election.

One year ago: Robert Durst, the New York real estate heir who was sentenced to life in prison for killing his best friend, died at a hospital outside the California prison where he'd been serving the sentence; he was 78. Novak Djokovic returned to the tennis court for training after winning a round in the legal battle to stay in Australia and compete in the Australian Open; a judge reinstated his visa, which had been pulled after officials said he didn't qualify for an exemption to a rule requiring all non-citizens to be vaccinated against COVID-19. (Djokovic would eventually be deported for almost a year before returning for the Australian Open in 2023.) Stetson Bennett threw two touchdown passes to lead Georgia to a 33-18 win over Alabama for its first national championship in 41 years.

Today's birthdays: Jan. 10: Opera singer Sherrill Milnes is 88. Movie director Walter Hill is 83. Actor William Sanderson is 79. Singer Rod Stewart is 78. Rock singer-musician Donald Fagen (Steely Dan) is 75. Boxing Hall of Famer and entrepreneur George Foreman is 74. Roots rock singer Alejandro Escovedo is 72. Rock musician Scott Thurston (Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers) is 71. Singer Pat Benatar is 70. Hall of Fame race car driver and team owner Bobby Rahal is 69. Rock musician Michael Schenker (UFO) is 68. Singer Shawn Colvin is 67. Rock singer-musician Curt Kirkwood (Meat Puppets) is 64. Actor Evan Handler is 62.

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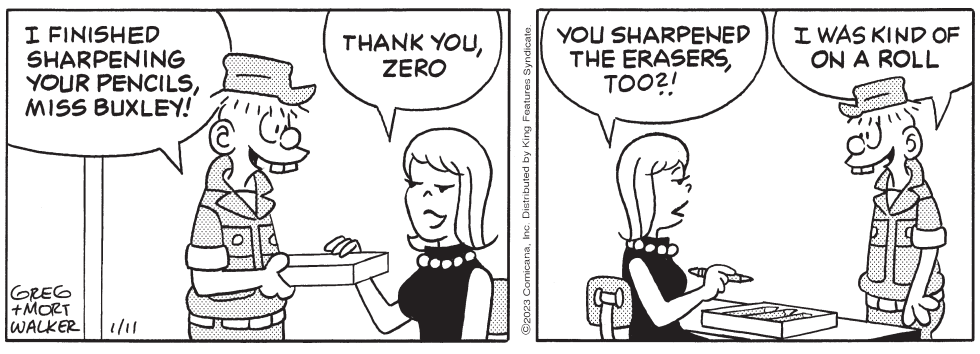
I FINISHED SHARPENING YOUR PENCILS, MISS BUXLEY!
THANK YOU, ZERO
GREG + MORT WALKER 1/11
YOU SHARPENED THE ERASERS, TOO?!
I WAS KIND OF ON A ROLL
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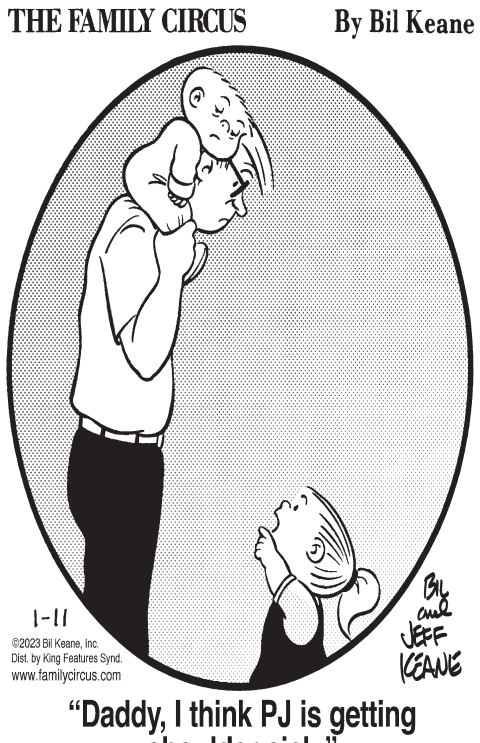
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Daddy, I think PJ is getting shoulder-sick."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"BETTER HOLD ON TIGHT, JOEY!"

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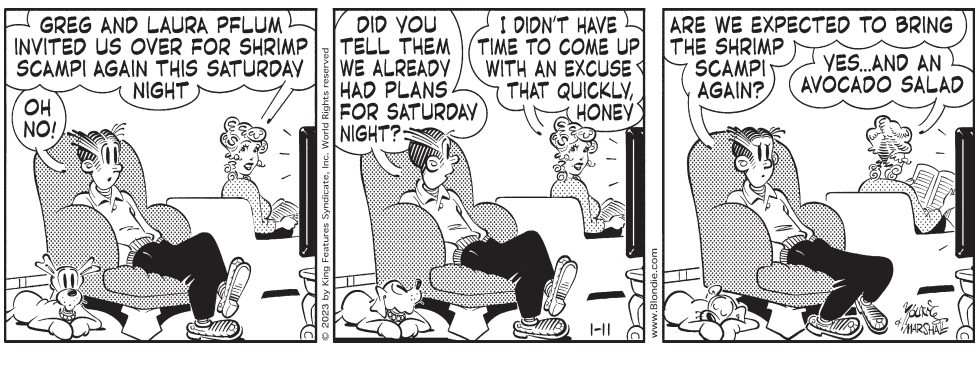
GREG AND LAURA PFLUM INVITED US OVER FOR SHRIMP SCAMPI AGAIN THIS SATURDAY NIGHT
OH NO!
DID YOU TELL THEM WE ALREADY HAD PLANS FOR SATURDAY NIGHT?
I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO COME UP WITH AN EXCUSE THAT QUICKLY, HONEY
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ARE WE EXPECTED TO BRING THE SHRIMP SCAMPI AGAIN?
YES...AND AN AVOCADO SALAD
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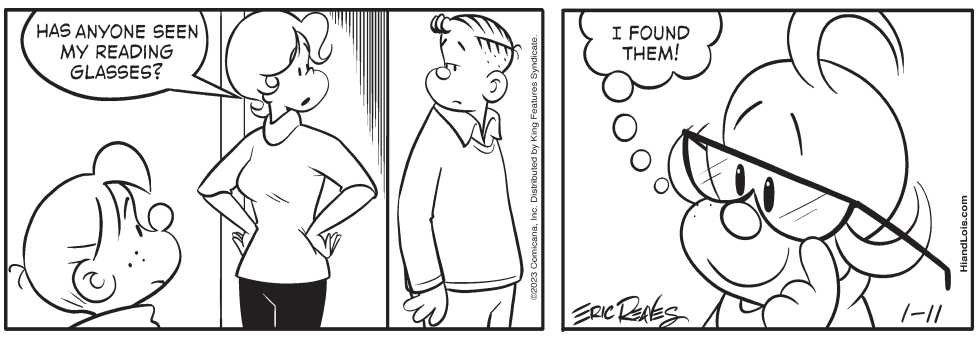

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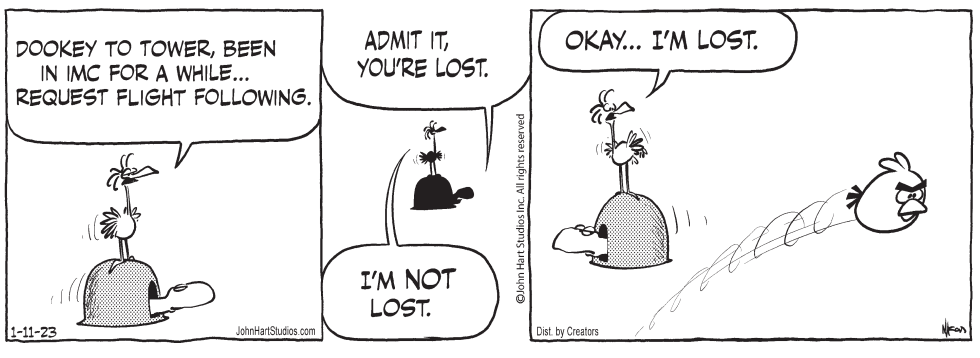
DOOKEY TO TOWER, BEEN IN IMC FOR A WHILE... REQUEST FLIGHT FOLLOWING.
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ADMIT IT, YOU'RE LOST.
I'M NOT LOST.
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OKAY... I'M LOST.
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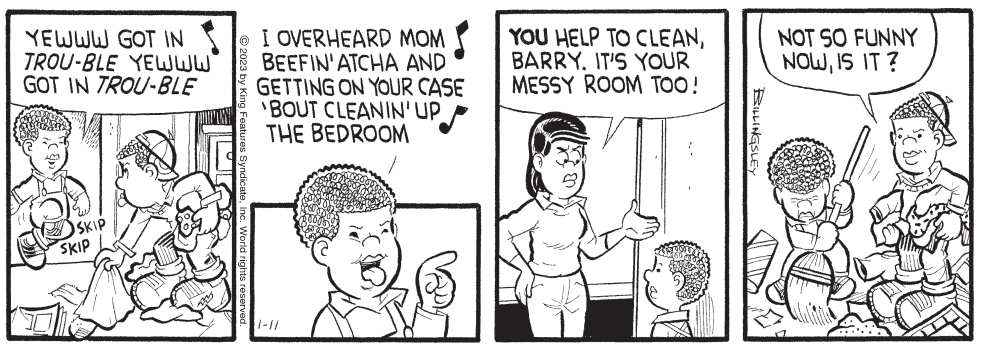
YEWWW GOT IN TROU-BLE YEWWW GOT IN TROU-BLE
SKIP SKIP
I OVERHEARD MOM BEEFIN' ATCHA AND GETTING ON YOUR CASE 'BOUT CLEANIN' UP THE BEDROOM
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YOU HELP TO CLEAN, BARRY. IT'S YOUR MESSY ROOM TOO!
NOT SO FUNNY NOW, IS IT?
BILL WESLEY

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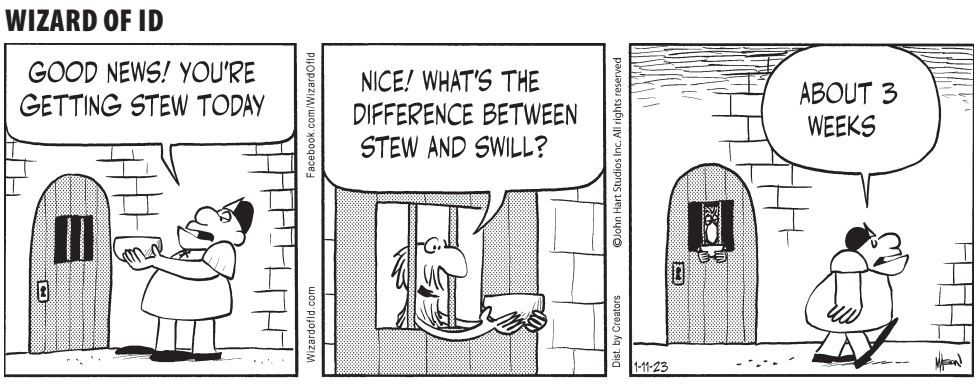
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NICE! WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STEW AND SWILL?
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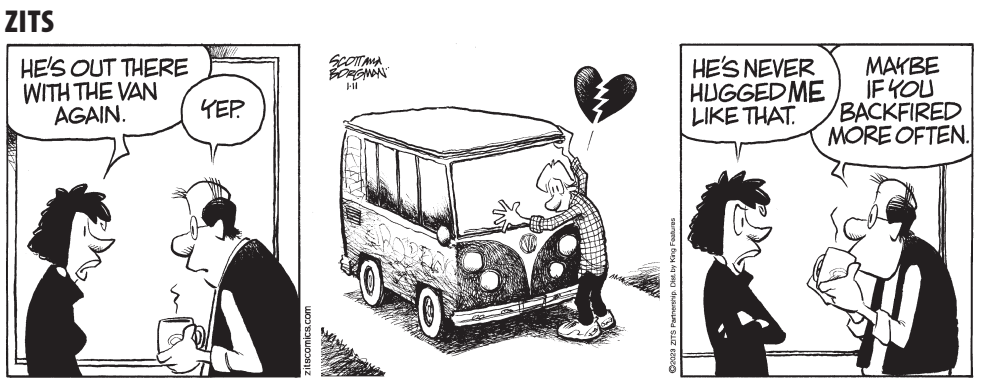
HE'S OUT THERE WITH THE VAN AGAIN.
YEP.
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HE'S NEVER HUGGED ME LIKE THAT.
MAYBE IF YOU BACKFIRED MORE OFTEN.
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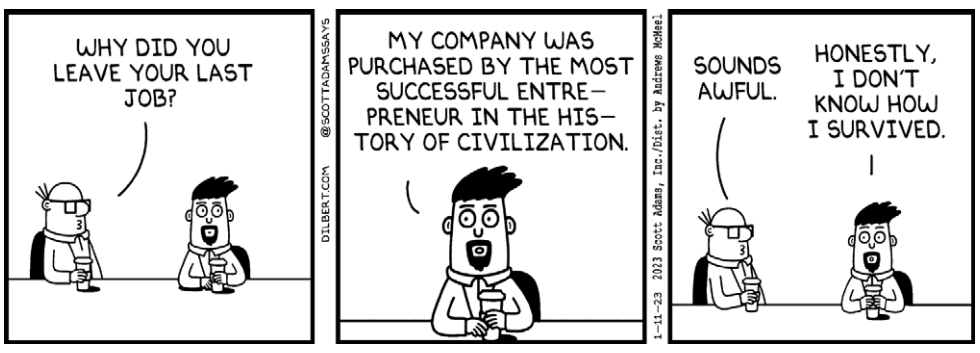
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MY COMPANY WAS PURCHASED BY THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR IN THE HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION.
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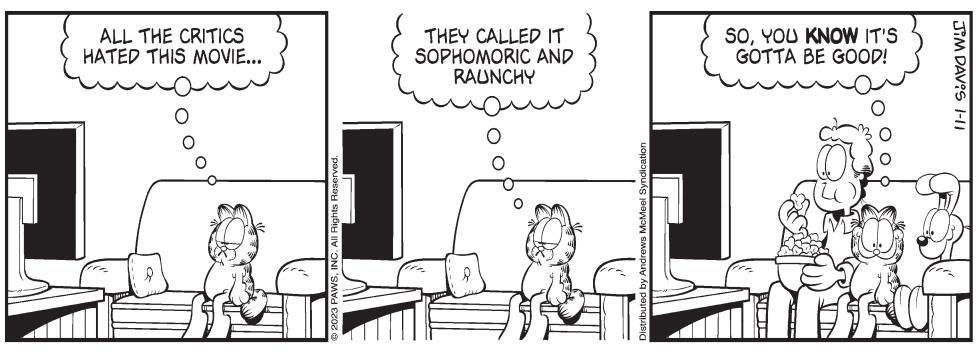
SOUNDS AWFUL.
HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW HOW I SURVIVED.

GARFIELD


ALL THE CRITICS HATED THIS MOVIE...
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THEY CALLED IT SOPHOMORIC AND RAUNCHY
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SO, YOU KNOW IT'S GOTTA BE GOOD!
JIM DAVIS 1-11

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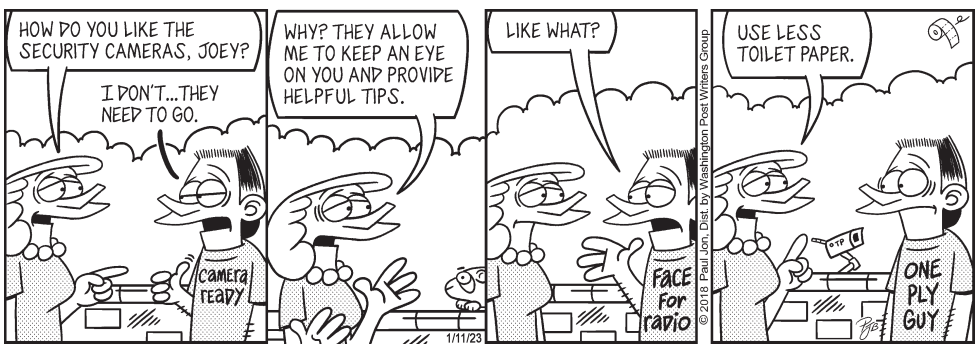
HOW DO YOU LIKE THE SECURITY CAMERAS, JOEY?
I DON'T...THEY NEED TO GO.
camera ready
WHY? THEY ALLOW ME TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOU AND PROVIDE HELPFUL TIPS.
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LIKE WHAT?
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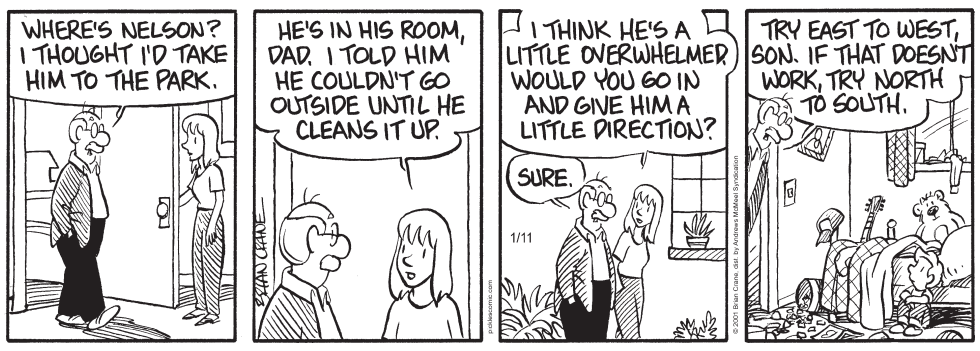
WHERE'S NELSON? I THOUGHT I'D TAKE HIM TO THE PARK.
HE'S IN HIS ROOM, DAD. I TOLD HIM HE COULDN'T GO OUTSIDE UNTIL HE CLEANS IT UP.
BRIAN CRANE
I THINK HE'S A LITTLE OVERWHELMED. WOULD YOU GO IN AND GIVE HIM A LITTLE DIRECTION?
SURE.
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TRY EAST TO WEST, SON. IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, TRY NORTH TO SOUTH.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2023. There are 354 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 11, 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Grand Canyon National Monument (it became a national park in 1919).

On this date:

In 1913, the first enclosed sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th National Automobile Show in New York.

In 1927, the creation of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was proposed during a dinner of Hollywood luminaries at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began an 18-hour trip from Honolulu to Oakland, California, that made her the first person to fly solo across any part of the Pacific Ocean.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1963, the Beatles' single "Please Please Me" (B side "Ask Me Why") was released in Britain by Parlophone.

In 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued "Smoking and Health," a report that concluded that "cigarette smoking contributes substantially to mortality from certain specific diseases and to the overall death rate."

In 1978, two Soviet cosmonauts aboard the Soyuz 27 capsule linked up with the Salyut 6 orbiting space station, where the Soyuz 26 capsule was already docked.

In 1989, nine days before leaving the White House, President Ronald Reagan bade the nation farewell in a prime-time address, saying of his eight years in office: "We meant to change a nation and instead we changed a world."

In 2003, calling the death penalty process "arbitrary and capricious, and therefore immoral," Illinois Gov. George Ryan commuted the sentences of 167 condemned inmates, clearing his state's death row two days before leaving office.

In 2010, Mark McGwire admitted to The Associated Press that he'd used steroids and human growth hormone when he broke baseball's home run record in 1998.

In 2020, health authorities in the central Chinese city of Wuhan reported the first death from what had been identified as a new type of coronavirus; the patient was a 61-year-old man who'd been a frequent customer at a food market linked to the majority of cases there.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama and Afghan President Hamid Karzai met at the White House, where they agreed to speed up slightly the schedule for moving Afghanistan's security forces into the lead across the country. The government assured the public that Boeing's new 787 "Dreamliner" was safe to fly, even as it launched a review to find out what caused a fire, a fuel leak and other recent incidents. Italian actress Mariangela Melato ("Swept Away"), 71, died in Rome.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump was quoted as having used bluntly vulgar language during an Oval Office meeting with lawmakers while asking why the U.S. would accept more immigrants from Haiti and African countries rather than places like Norway. Edgar Ray Killen, a 1960s Klan leader who was convicted decades later in the slayings of three civil rights workers, died in prison at the age of 92.

One year ago: Speaking in Atlanta, President Joe Biden called on senators to "stand against voter suppression" by changing Senate rules to pass voting rights legislation that Republicans were blocking from debate and votes. (The legislation failed after two Democrats refused to join others in their party in changing the rules to overcome a Republican filibuster.) Just days after the one-year anniversary of the violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, the Justice Department's top national security official told lawmakers that the department was establishing a specialized unit focused on domestic terrorism.

Today's birthdays: Former Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chrétien is 89. Movie director Joel Zwick is 81. World Golf Hall of Famer Ben Crenshaw is 71. Singer Robert Earl Keen is 61. Actor Phyllis Logan is 67. Musician Vicki Peterson (The Bangles) is 65. Actor Kim Coles is 60. Actor Jason Connery is 60. Former child actor Dawn Lyn (TV: "My Three Sons") is 60. Rock musician Tom Dumont (No Doubt) is 55. Movie director Malcolm D. Lee is 53. Singer Mary J. Blige is 52. Musician Tom Rowlands (The Chemical Brothers) is 52. Actor Marc Blucas is 51. Actor Amanda Peet is 51. Actor Rockmond Dunbar is 50. Actor Aja Naomi King is 38. Actor Kristolyn Lloyd is 38. Reality TV star Jason Wahler is 36.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

FOOD GIVEAWAY

North Madison Christian Church
1400 East State Road 62
8-10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28

The church food pantry will hold a distribution from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the church, 1400 East State Road 62.

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FUNDRAISERS

Deputy Volunteer Fire Department

14227 Mulberry St., Deputy

Deputy firefighters are holding weekly Bingo fundraisers on Thursday nights at the fire department. Doors open at 5 p.m. with food concessions available and Bingo starting at 6:30 p.m. Pull tabs will be available.

No one under 18 allowed in Bingo Hall. Bingo cash only concessions debit/credit/cash.

PROJECTS

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With bids coming in lower for both the Mulberry Street Arts Corridor and Milton-Madison Bridge Gateway projects, OurSIRDA approved lower totals for each — the Mulberry project at $916,984 and the Gateway project at $718,342.

The remainder of the funds were separated among the three projects that were approved Friday — Ohio Theatre getting $250,000, Hanover-Madison Connector Trail $440,000 and the Indiana Music City Amphitheater Parking Improvements $230,874.

Tony Steinhardt III, the city's economic director, said the funds for the Ohio Theatre will go toward its facade and marquee renovation project. "The drawings were done last year and are ready to go to bid," he said, anticipating that project could move forward by mid-year.

The funds for the Hanover-Madison Connector Trail will go toward the Heritage Trail Conservancy's phase one effort to connect that trail to Hanover. Last year, a $2,160,160 Next Level Trails Grant was awarded to extend the Heritage Trail by 1.18 miles to the entrance of Clifty Falls State Park.

The Indiana Music City Amphitheater Parking Improvements will provide access to Bicentennial Park from parking that will be developed on the city-owned lot across from Lamplighter Park. The project also provides for making improvements to land east of Poplar Street across from the Shrewsbury-Windle House that was transferred to the city through an agreement with Historic Madison Foundation Inc.

Courtney noted a sixth project impacted by the Destination Madison funding is the Super Overlook on Madison's riverfront even though it's not directly receiving READI dollars. "Together, we are leveraging READI dollars 6 to 1, and I think that is just a fantastic result," he said.

Steinhardt said the city "was able to allocate additional dollars from other resources within the city to get it started with its construction process just a few weeks ago" and expectations are that it will be completed prior to the Madison Regatta this summer.

Courtney commended the OurSIRDA board of directors for their support of the Destination Madison projects along with their thoughtful efforts for each of the five counties in the region. "We have gone through a major process that's promoted tremendous amounts of economic development across our region, and with your leadership, not only do we have the fastest growing region in the state, but we've led the way with regards to this RDA being effective implementers," he said.

Courtney noted that Destination Madison dollars are already paying dividends. "A year-and-a-half ago we submitted two plans. One of them was a workforce development plan that really had a lot of capacity and placemaking elements to it that really focused on job growth and population. And the second was Destination Madison. Destination Madison is one that we've been implementing through the RDA. Because of Destination Madison, we've actually been able to also fully execute our workforce development plan" through new retail, housing and infrastructure investment in Madison.

He said the Destination Madison projects provide the "truest sense in our minds of what READI is all about" in that "it's about growing our communities, representing the region very strongly but also leveraging the READI dollars with public-private partnerships so they can be truly impactful."

In addition to the Destination Madison projects approved by OurSIRDA on Friday, a project for establishing a Scott County Youth Sports Complex was approved for $676,000.

Cory Cochran, executive director of River Hills Economic Development District Regional Planning Commission, hired by the OurSIRDA to implement the projects, said dollars approved Friday were the final amounts to be allocated. "You have sent every single dollar to the IEDC for review" of the $50 million that was given to the region, said Cochran.

Even as all dollars have been allocated, they still face a final approval by the IEDC and a review by the firm, Ernst and Young, before they are officially obligated. "At this point, all the funds have been allocated but not every project" has gone through the IEDC's portal to be obligated, said Cochran, noting that all the funds must be obligated by June 30.

Last week, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb announced his plans to ask the state legislature to fund $500 million for READI 2.0. "We're very optimistic" that will move forward, said Cochran, although there may be some consideration whether the legislature will agree to $500 million, which was the amount of the initial READI program that came from the federal government's American Rescue Plan allocation to the state of Indiana. "The good thing about READI 2.0 is less restrictions, less compliance," said Cochran, noting that since the money will come from state and not the federal government which included certain requirements with the ARP funds.

Kevin Kellems, Jefferson County's representative on the OurSIRDA board, encouraged communities to urge legislators to support READI 2.0 during the upcoming General Assembly. "Speaking to legislators is very important, and it's important now and not later. It's now and later," he said, emphasizing that there be support for the Governor's allocation level of $500 million that would be divided among regions throughout the state.

Cochran encouraged communities in the region to be prepared for READI 2.0 so projects can effectively move forward when those dollars are available. "Start talking to us now about the projects you have, and projects you think will be a good fit."

Dana Huber, OurSIRDA's chair, said, "We are a community of five counties. We are very pleased there is likely to be a year two of this, to know we have an opportunity we have more money in front of us the year after (the initial READI) is a wonderful opportunity, and let's put it to use, and let's put it to use in our five counties."

With OurSIRDA holding its first meeting of the year, board officers were elected for 2023 with Huber, representing Clark County, reelected as chair, Steve Meyer, representing Scott County, elected vice chair, and John Jones, representing Washington County, elected secretary-treasurer.

In the past, RDA meetings have rotated among the five counties but this year they will all be held at Ivy Tech Sellersburg. Huber noted that being in the one location provides for more consistent remote access and more effective administration. "That does not mean we won't get out and visit all of our counties and be out in our communities" because that's something that they do plan to do as the projects move forward.

OurSIRDA's next meeting is 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 3.

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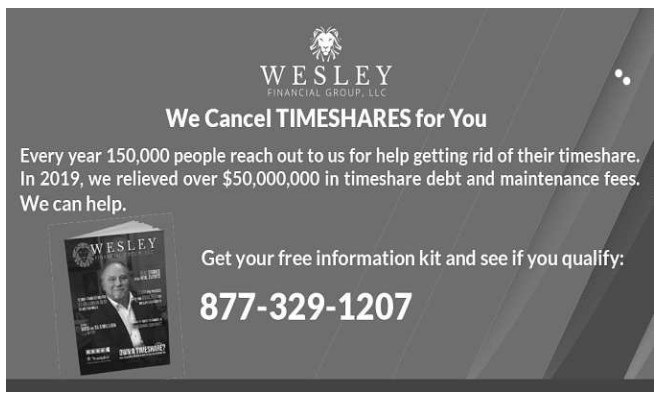
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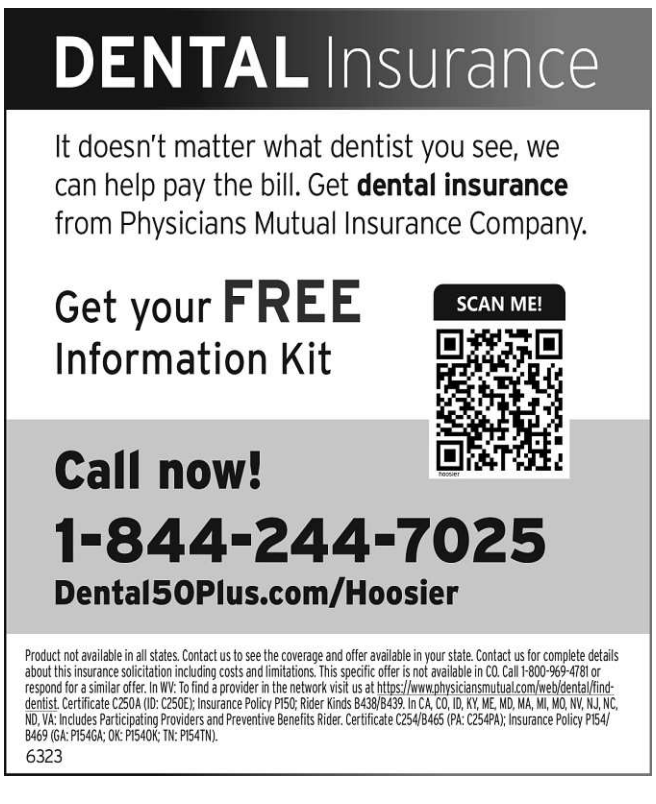
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No. 8 Southwestern beats South Decatur, 68-64

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Class 2A No. 8 Southwestern built a big lead then had to hold on for dear life to pull out a 68-64 win over South Decatur in boys basketball on Friday.

The Rebels, who had suffered their first loss of the season on Tuesday at defending 2A State Champion Providence, spent most of Friday's game on cruise control. Southwestern built a double-digit lead by halftime and held an 18-point lead early in the third quarter.

But South Decatur wasn't going away easily. The Cougars began chipping into the lead, eventually getting it down to one (62-61) late in the game. But the Rebels didn't blink or panic and got made free throws from Peyton Gwin, Brady Cook and Jamison Lewis in the final minute to seal the win.

Southwestern coach Zac Nussbaum wasn't exactly thrilled that his team nearly blew a 18-point lead, but he was happy to see his squad bow its back and make the plays that it needed to pull out the win.

"People don't really realize even though they've won a lot this year, this is the first time this team has done that," Nussbaum said. "It's the first time they've gone through a loss and this was the first time this team had to battle through adversity. It's just learning how to come together in those moments instead of falling apart."

Southwestern started the season 10-0 for the first time since the 1999-2000 season but Providence ended that run with authority in a 68-42 setback Tuesday. The Rebels fought injuries and foul trouble in that game but Nussbaum wasn't about to use them as an excuse.

David Campbell

Southwestern's Peyton Cloud (3) scoops up a loose all — losing a shoe in the process — during the Rebels' 68-64 win over South Decatur on Friday at King Gym in Hanover.

The Rebels seemed to have forgotten all of that through the game's first 20 minutes. Playing the same loose style that led to their first 10 wins, Southwestern did anything it wanted through the first two and a half quarters on Friday before seemingly nothing went right.

Much of Southwestern's issues stemmed from South Decatur's ability to knock down the 3-pointer, especially late in the game when it needed them them most. Nussbaum pointed out that the Cougars came into the game shooting 26% from beyond the arc, but hit at more than double that rate on Friday.

"It was one of those defensive Catch-22s because they were getting into the paint really easy and we really wanted to try to contain penetration with our zone but then when they start getting hot from three …," Nussbaum said. "They typically have not shot threes like that all year. So we were playing the odds that it wouldn't continue and sadly for us, it did."

Jamison Lewis, who turned an ankle in that Providence loss, recovered nicely to score 21 points to lead the Rebels while Peyton Cloud had a career-high 20 points to give the Rebels a nice one-two punch. Gwin added 10 points for the Southwestern.

Jacob Scruggs hit four 3-pointers and scored a game-high 32 points to lead South Decatur. Dale Peters also had four treys and scored 13 points while Dorian Hacker added 11 points.

Five players scored in double-figures for Southwestern as it knocked off Hauser 75-63 Saturday on homecoming in Hanover.

Lewis had 18 points while Cook scored 16, Cloud had 15, Gwin 13 and Claytin Sontag scored 11.

Southwestern, now 12-1 on the season, travels to New Albany on Tuesday to take on the 7-3 Bulldogs then hosts Switzerland County on Friday in a key Ohio River Valley Conference showdown.

OHIO RIVER VALLEY
Boys

	Conf	Pct	All	Pct
Southwestern	2-0	1.000	12-1	.923
Jac-Cen-Del	2-1	.667	7-5	.583
South Ripley	0-0	.000	5-7	.417
Switzerland	0-0	.000	5-7	.417
Milan	0-0	.000	3-7	.300
Rising Sun	0-1	.000	5-6	.454
Shawe	0-2	.000	5-7	.417

Madison falls to sectional foes Scottsburg, Charlestown

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison took it on the chin in a pair of losses to sectional foes in boys basketball over the weekend.

On Friday, the Cubs lost 84-42 to Scottsburg in a game that was over quickly. On Saturday, Madison suffered a 76-55 loss at Charlestown.

Scottsburg came into the game with a 9-1 record and ranked seventh in the Associated Press Class 2A poll and looked every bit the part of that against the Cubs. The Warriors blitzed out to a 29-11 lead after the first quarter and pushed that margin to 54-21 by halftime. After outscoring Madison 19-6 in the third, the Warriors substituted heavily and the Cubs won the fourth 15-11.

On Friday, the Cubs lost 84-42 to Scottsburg in a game that was over quickly. On Saturday, Madison suffered a 76-55 loss at Charlestown.

Scottsburg shot 52% (28-for-54) for the game, including 11-for-27 (42%) on 3-pointers. The Warriors were 10-for-18 from beyond the arc in the first half, helping to establish that big lead.

Five players scored in double-figures for Scottsburg, led by Wyatt Zellers with a double-double of 23 points and 11 rebounds. Cody Clancy had 19 points and six rebounds while former Madison Cub Jack Miller hit three 3-pointers and scored 15 points while also pulling down four rebounds. Jacob Martin scored 13 points and Kyle McGinnis had 10 for Scottsburg.

Quincy Reynolds led Madison with 13 points in the game. Ryder Jones and Mason Davis had 10 points each for the Cubs, who shot just 33% (16-for-49) from the floor in the game.

Charlestown outscored Madison 19-11 in the second quarter and pulled way for the 19-point win in the game played on Saturday.

The Cubs hung tough through a quarter to trail only 19-13, but found themselves behind 41-24 at halftime. Like Friday's game, Madison lost the third quarter 18-13 but outscored the Pirates 18-17 in the fourth.

Madison shot 46% (23-for-50) for the game but Charlestown clocked in at 53% (29-for-55). The Cubs also committed 24 turnovers and lost the rebounding battled 33-31.

Reynolds once again led Madison with 17 points. Davis and James Schafer each scored nine points with Davis adding six rebounds and six assists.

Demetrius Phelps scored 27 points, A.J. Todd had 13 and Grason Connell 12 for Charlestown (6-6).

Madison, now 2-10 on the season, travels to Lawrenceburg on Friday for its only game of the week.

Scottsburg's Jack Miller (11) pulls a rebound down in front of Madison's James Schafer (30) during Friday's game at Madison. Miller, a former Madison Cub, scored 15 points in the Warriors' 84-42 win.

David Campbell

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Homecoming princess Fulton scores 17 to lift Lady Rebels over South Decatur

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern gutted out a 51-46 win at home over South Decatur in girls basketball on Saturday.

Ashley Fulton, who would later be named homecoming princess, scored 17 points to lead the Rebels while Chloey Leach had 14 and Riley Scroggins chipped in nine for the Rebels.

Southwestern, now 7-12 on the season, travels to Switzerland County on Thursday.

OWEN BEATS CARROLL IN ALL 'A'

Carroll County's hopes at winning an All "A" Classic Eighth Region title were dashed in a 56-37 loss to Owen County in the championship game of tourney on Saturday at Gallatin County.

The Panthers' Courtney Strickland, Madie Hicks and Reagan Matthews were named to the all-tournament team. Austin Hicks was named to the boys all-tournament team.

Trimble County's Addison Edmondson and James Thomas Wilcoxson were also named to the all-tournament team.

Carroll County, now 7-10 on the season, returned to Gallatin County on Monday for a district showdown with the Wildcats. The Panthers host North Oldham on Tuesday and host Eminence on Friday.

LADY PACERS FALL IN RIVERTOWN

Switzerland County suffered a 56-38 loss to Lawrenceburg in the championship game of the Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn on Friday.

Bri Stow led the Pacers with 15 points while Macy Collier had eight points. Lauren Smith scored five points and had 10 rebounds and three assists, and Courtney Higgins had five points, four rebounds and three assists.

Switzerland County, now 10-6 on the season, hosts Southwestern on Thursday

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

WRESTLING

Southwestern hosts Switzerland Co., 6 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Trimble Co. girls at Henry Co., 6 p.m.

Carroll Co. boys at Gallatin Co., 7:30 p.m.

Carroll Co. girls host North Oldham, 7:30 p.m.

Madison girls host Silver Creek, 7:30 p.m.

Madison Christian girls host Community Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern boys at New Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. boys at Henry Co., 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison at Columbus East, 6 p.m.

Southwestern hosts Silver Creek, South Ripley, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

BASKETBALL

Hanover women host Franklin, 7 p.m.

Hanover men at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

BASKETBALL

Shawe girls at Milan, 6 p.m.

Switzerland Co. girls host Southwestern, 7:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. girls at Owen Co., 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison hosts Greensburg, 6 p.m.

Southwestern hosts Oldenburg, Salem, 6 p.m.

Bengals beat Ravens to avoid coin flip, set up home rematch

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals built a big lead and came out flat in the second half, but held off the division rival Baltimore Ravens to close the season on an eight-game winning streak.

Their reward?

Hosting the Ravens again in the first round of the playoffs next week.

Joe Burrow threw for a touchdown and Joe Mixon ran for another as the Bengals took advantage of four Ravens turnovers to win 27-16 on Sunday.

The two-time AFC North champion and defending AFC champion Bengals (12-4) returned to the field where, six days earlier, Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin suffered cardiac arrest. The frightening episode led to their game against the Bills being suspended and later canceled.

On Sunday, the Bengals beat a Ravens team that rested some key players ahead of the postseason and avoided a coin flip to determine the site of their playoff game against Baltimore.

NFL owners approved the coin-flip scenario because the cancellation deprived the Ravens of an opportunity to win the division. Baltimore needed to win and have Denver beat the Los Angeles Chargers later Sunday to prompt the coin toss. The Bengals were unhappy about it and mocked the rule change with a coin-flip celebration after Mixon's TD.

Cincinnati's chances at the No. 2 seed in the AFC ended when Buffalo beat New England. Burrow finished 25 of 42 for 215 yards and a touchdown, although he struggled after halftime.

"Certainly, some things that we can clean up, that we can do better, particularly on offense, but I'm just proud of the way that these guys found a way to win in January — that's all that matters," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said. "(We) finished the second half of season 8-0, the right way, and so these guys got a lot of confidence right now headed into the playoffs."

The Ravens (10-7) fought gamely behind rookie third-stringer Anthony Brown, who got the start after throwing just five passes all season.

But rather than go all-out for the slim chance of getting a home playoff game, Ravens coach John Harbaugh ensured the Bengals will see a somewhat different team when sixth-seeded Baltimore returns to Paycor Stadium next weekend.

Baltimore was without its two top quarterbacks. Lamar Jackson hasn't practiced since his knee injury in a Dec. 4 game against the Broncos, and it's unclear whether he will be available for the playoffs.

Backup Tyler Huntley has also been banged up and was inactive on Sunday.

The Ravens also rested two of their biggest offensive weapons, Mark Andrews and J.K. Dobbins.

"I'm looking forward to next week and seeing these guys again," Ravens linebacker Roquan Smith said. "It will be for all the marbles. I don't look at it any differently. Just excited to get back out next week."

Cincinnati scored two first-half touchdowns after intercepting Brown and got another when he fumbled while being sacked in his own end zone.

Brown went 19 of 44 for 286 yards in his first NFL start.

Kenyan Drake scored for Ravens on a 4-yard run in the first half. Justin Tucker kicked three field goals. On the Ravens' first play from scrimmage after the Bengals opened with a field goal, Brown lofted a long pass into the arms of Cincinnati safety Jessie Bates III. Burrow then went 7 for 11 on a drive capped by Mixon's 1-yard plunge.

Cornerback Mike Hilton picked off Brown on Baltimore's next possession, giving the ball to the Bengals at the Ravens 30. Three plays later, Burrow hooked up with Ja'Marr Chase for a 26-yard TD.

Then, with Ravens operating in the shadow of the goal line after a Cincinnati punt, Bengals defensive end Trey Hendrickson sacked Brown in the end zone.

The ball squirted out and Joseph Ossai fell on it for a touchdown 30 seconds left in the half, pushing the Cincinnati lead to 24-7 at halftime.

Brown completed a 47-yard catch-and-run to Sammy Watkins late in the game, but Bates ripped it free while making the tackle and safety Vonn Bell recovered the fumble.

FINISHING FLAT

The Bengals are hoping their listless second half doesn't spill over into next week.

The Bengals managed only 90 total yards and field goal in the second half while punting five times and turning the ball over on downs and via a Burrow fumble.

"I was just missing throws I usually hit, that I usually always hit, so I got to be better," Burrow said.

The Bengals were outgained by the Ravens 386 yards to 257. Cincinnati had just 55 yards rushing.

WHAT A WEEK

The week started with the Bengals praying that Hamlin would survive. Devastation turned to relief later in the week as the Bills safety showed positive signs of recovery.

"This was a strange game, strange week," Taylor said. "Our players did everything they could to handle it the right way, so now we get a chance to put this one behind us and just focus on the playoffs."

INJURIES

Ravens: RB Gus Edwards left the game in the first half with a possible head injury and entered the NFL's concussion protocol.

Bengals: LG Alex Cappa departed with a left ankle injury in the third quarter.

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Texans rally for 32-31 win at Indy but lose top draft pick

BY MICHAEL MAROT
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Indy (4-12-1) lost its seventh straight under interim coach Jeff Saturday. The Colts will have the fourth draft pick overall.

INDIANAPOLIS — Houston coach Lovie Smith kept insisting his team would play for the win Sunday.

When he got the chance in the final minute, Smith delivered on that promise.

After Davis Mills threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Jordan Akins with 50 seconds left, Smith dialed up the same combination on a 2-point conversion play to give Houston a rare and improbable 32-31 victory at Indianapolis, costing the Texans the No. 1 pick in April's draft.

Not surprisingly, Smith cared more about the celebration than the consequences.

"Whenever you play, you play to win the game," he said, rekindling the words of an old coaching friend, Herman Edwards. "We wanted to finish the right way and we were able to do that."

Just barely.

Mills first converted on fourth-and-12 with a 30-yard completion to Brandin Cooks at the Colts 18-yard line. Then after throwing two incompletions and taking a 10-yard sack, Mills somehow threaded the pass through the hands of Colts safety Rodney Thomas II and into the hands of Akins, giving Houston its second win in three weeks and its fourth-ever win in Indy as the Chicago Bears moved into the top draft spot.

Indy (4-12-1), meanwhile, lost its seventh straight under interim coach Jeff Saturday. The Colts will have the fourth draft pick overall.

Like Smith, Saturday wasn't thinking about the future after finishing this season.

"I've never seen a lot of what I've seen the past eight weeks, I guess baptism by fire or whatever you want to call it," he said. "Rod just mistimes it or whatever, just some crazy plays happened and unfortunately they happened for them and not us."

Indy got one last shot, but couldn't move the ball into scoring position and Sam Ehlinger's final heave was knocked down short of the goal line to cap yet another ugly chapter in this miserable season.

The Colts lost their final seven games after winning Saturday's coaching debut in early November.

But for a game few followed because it had no impact on the playoff picture, it certainly finished with a flair.

Ehlinger threw two touchdown passes in the final 19 minutes and led Indy on three successive scoring drives to erase a 10-point deficit and give the Colts a 31-24 lead with 3:33 to play.

Mills finally answered with the completion to Cooks with 1:26 to go and the passes to Akins.

Initially, it looked as if it might be a rout when Houston took a 10-0 lead before Indy even ran an offensive play.

But Mills' miscues fueled Indy's comeback.

Rodney McLeod Jr. returned the first of Mills' two interceptions for a 26-yard touchdown score to make it 24-21.

Three plays later, Thomas II, a high school teammate of Bills safety Damar Hamlin, picked off Mills and Ehlinger capitalized by throwing a 4-yard TD pass to Mo Alie-Cox to give Indy a 28-24 lead with 10:30 to go.

Indy thought it had sealed the victory when Chase McLaughlin made a 54-yard field goal with 3:33 to go.

But Mills' late-game magic allowed Houston to pull it out.

"It's an unbelievable feeling," Mills said after finishing 22 of 38 with 298 yards and three TDs. "The guys found a way to fight, and we got the result we wanted in the end."

INJURY REPORT

Texans: Tight end Brevin Jordan left in the first half with a knee injury and did not return. Safety Jalen Pitre left after the first play of the fourth quarter and was diagnosed with a concussion.

Colts: Right tackle Braden Smith injured his left ankle late in the fourth quarter and did not return.

Safety-return specialist Dallis Flowers went into the blue tent after fumbling on his first kickoff return of the game but eventually returned.

STAT PACK

Texans: Cooks caught five passes for 106 yards and a touchdown. ... Jonathan Greenard returned an interception 39 yards for a score, the third defensive TD allowed by the Colts in their past five games. ... Teagan Quitoriano had three catches for 83 yards. ... All three of Houston's win this season came on the road.

Colts: Ehlinger, the former Texas star, was 23 of 35 with 209 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions as he fell to 0-3 as an NFL starter. ... Zack Moss had 18 carries and 114 yards and one TD. ... Michael Pittman Jr. caught three passes for 30 yards and one TD but finished the season with 99 receptions and 925 yards. ... Linebacker Zaire Franklin overcame an ankle injury to make seven tackles, breaking the franchise's single season record with 166. Shaquille Leonard set the previous mark (163) in 2018.

UP NEXT

Texans: Will be weighing their options with the No. 2 draft pick in April.

Colts: Must figure out if general manager Chris Ballard returns, decide on a coach and whether to draft a quarterback in April.

TUESDAY EVENING

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ACROSS
1 Greeting that startles
4 Remove the lid from
9 Actor Scott
13 Ill at ease
15 Cook an egg
16 In addition
17 __ up; shredded
18 Slammer
19 Give a round of applause
20 In __; all prepared
22 Do keyboarding
23 "Phooey!"
24 Debtor's note
26 "The Beverly Hillbillies" role
29 Not wishy-washy
34 Stands
35 Part of USNA
36 Reasonable bedtime
37 Gung ho
38 Silver or tin
39 Musical group
40 TV's "Chicago __"
41 Thinks deeply
42 Assessor's decision
43 James & Martha
45 Went by ship
46 __ to; increase
47 Arrestee's hope
48 Microsoft document program
51 Found
56 All tucked in
57 Cheek coloring
58 __ jacket; bulletproof vest
60 Barking animal
61 Glowing coal bit
62 Destiny
63 Extravagant publicity
64 Passes out cards
65 Chess pieces

DOWN
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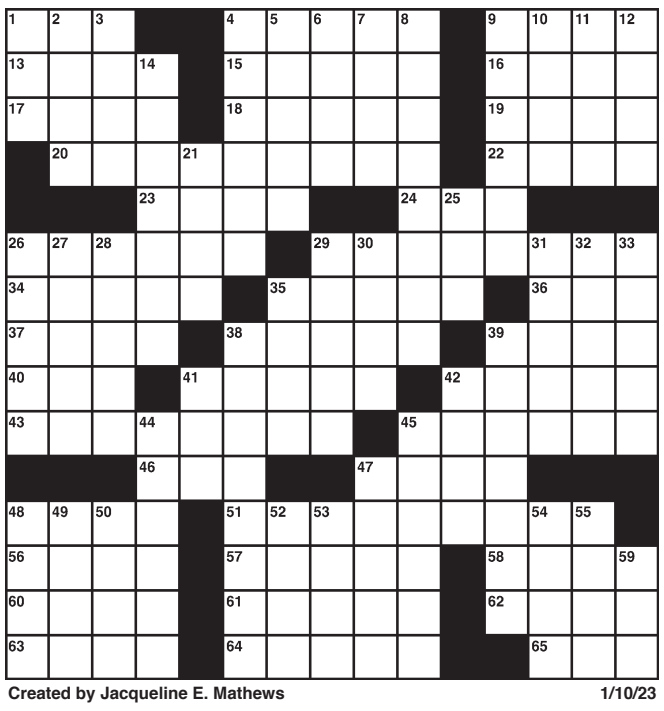
2 Stench



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4 Snobbish
5 Lunchtimes
6 Wedding reception staple
7 Highest pair
8 Thorough medical exam
9 Prickly plant
10 Actress Sheedy
11 Urgent letters
12 Slangy reply
14 Pined
21 Rather & Quayle
25 Saudi Arabian export
26 Small weights
27 Metal bolt
28 Step __; get out of the way
29 Calendar boxes
30 Perón & Gabor
31 Know-__; smarty-pants
32 Trial location
33 Came to a close
35 Wasp's home
38 Massacred
39 Courtroom officer
41 Enraged
42 Colorado resort
44 Walk like a duck
45 Cavalry swords
47 Roll with a hole
48 Use soap & water
49 Mind
50 Gather crops
52 Vague amount
53 Booming instrument
54 Grand __; 4-run homer
55 Loathe
59 Barbie's beau

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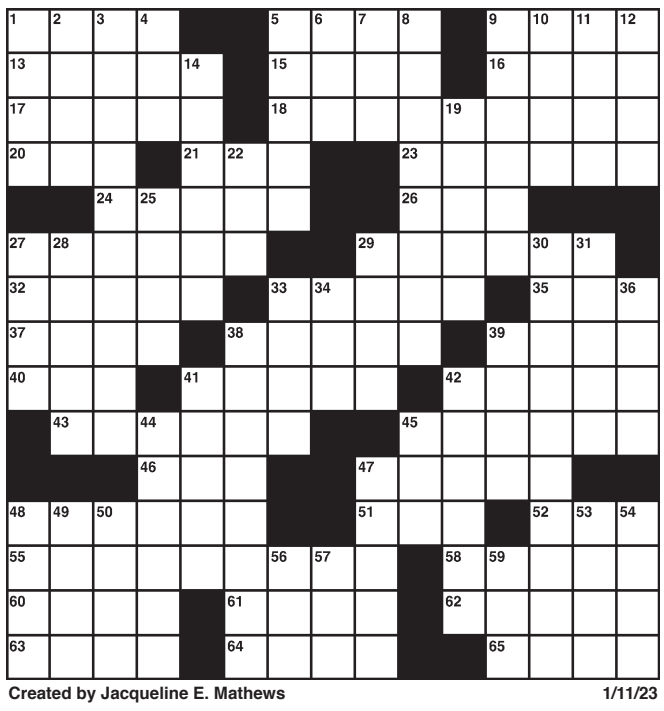
5 Shoots carefully
9 Capable
13 Lover of solitude
15 Drop __; visit unannounced
16 "When all is __ and done…"
17 Thrill
18 Sending in payment
20 North Pole toymaker
21 "__ we having fun yet?"
23 Attractive
24 Became dimmer
26 Two under __; eagle
27 Exuded lava
29 Abduct
32 Stomach ailment
33 Gloss
35 Cot or crib
37 Yoga class needs
38 "All things __ equal…"
39 __ restaurant; where to get Tom Yum Goong
40 Afternoon hour
41 Turned loose
42 Peasant dress
43 Albert & Murphy
45 Evening affair
46 "Message __ Bottle"; Costner film
47 Henry VIII's royal house
48 Lay into
51 Conclusion
52 Forest animal
55 Child's woodcraft project
58 Banks or Kovacs
60 Classic board game
61 Come __; find
62 1976 Stallone film
63 __ to be; look like
64 Keep __ on; watch closely
65 Pegs for Tiger

DOWN
1 Delight
2 Lounge around



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4 Encountered
5 Went public with
6 Ending for Clement or Carol
7 Family member
8 Manicuring
9 Toward a ship's rear
10 Fishing worm
11 Fabric fuzz
12 Nervous
14 Bookworm
19 Swap
22 Burgundy or maroon
25 Leaves speechless
27 Japanese wrestling form
28 LAX arrival
29 Good-hearted
30 Disgust
31 Calmness
33 Visits with
34 Go quickly
36 Water barrier
38 Escape from prison
39 Small musical group
41 Actor Peter
42 Silo contents
44 Crown
45 Heat source
47 Most SAT takers
48 "Sesame Street" lesson
49 Rummikub piece
50 Word of agreement
53 Take a fancy to
54 Janitor's ringful
56 Take __ cause; espouse
57 Bawl
59 Go bad

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DNA testing brings new niece into the family

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I recently did DNA ancestry testing, hoping to locate relatives of my father, who died when I was very young.

To my surprise I found out that I have a niece.

I have one brother, and he is a confirmed bachelor, but apparently, he fathered a child 40 years ago.

When I told him of these DNA results, he seemed surprised. He also indicated that he had no interest in meeting or pursuing a relationship with his new-found daughter.

I asked if he would object if my son and I reached out to her. He requested that we not pursue a relationship.

Against my brother's wishes, I reached out to her, and my son and I met her for dinner. She seems to be a lovely young woman and we mutually want to pursue a family relationship.

I would love to introduce her to my mom, her grandmother, who is 95 years old. I really think she would love to know that she has a granddaughter.

Needless to say, my brother was disappointed that I did not respect his wishes and specifically requested that I not tell our mother. I am just brokenhearted. I still plan on seeing my niece, but I just wish my brother would come around.

Any suggestions?

— Anguished Aunt

Dear Anguished: You asked your brother for permission to contact your niece and he said no, but you went ahead and did so, anyway.

You've asked him about connecting your niece with her grandmother, and he has said no. I suggest that you do so, anyway.

Given that your brother didn't know about his biological daughter's existence and has since declared that he doesn't want to have anything to do with her, I'd say that he doesn't really have any claim on her or any authority to deny other family members access to her.

Long-married husband looks for passion

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: My wife and I have been married for 48 years.

In one sense, we are very much committed to each other, however, we have not had sex in more than 20 years and have been intimate only once or twice in that time.

I have on several occasions expressed a desire for affection and intimacy, but the interest doesn't seem to be there.

We never had a great sex life, but affection and sex have completely disappeared over the course of our marriage, and it isn't something that my wife wishes to discuss.

At one time I proposed counseling, but it went nowhere because my wife had no desire to expose herself to a stranger.

We enjoy doing things together — hiking, biking, going out to dinner, being with friends and family, going to concerts — but in the end our marriage isn't very satisfying for me on a personal level.

I am 72 years old. How do I find contentment in my remaining years?

— Looking for Love

Dear Looking: It sounds as if you already have contentment. Passion may be what you are lacking.

I am impressed by your extreme patience during your impressively long marriage.

According to you, you proposed counseling one time and were shot down. You asked about being a "better husband" one time and were shot down.

You don't seem to have been very persistent regarding your desire for affection and intimacy, or in terms of pursuing what you want (and deserve) to have in your marriage.

Intimacy can start with a conversation about intimacy. Or maybe even a fight about intimacy. The very act of wading into that territory where your wife is afraid to go might expose some really tough realities for you both, and yet I hope you will be brave enough to pursue this with more vigor: Is she happy? Are you?

It is not too late for either of you to change.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Once you have taken the lead, don't wait for the pack to catch up. Keep up a brisk pace and maintain your rhythm. A misunderstanding can be overcome if you look for clues and get more information.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Adapt to changing circumstances if you hope to overcome obstacles. Plans may not unfold the way you expected. Do what you can to fulfill obligations promptly so they are off your mind and desk.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Ignore the grumbles in the background. Do your best to take care of important responsibilities even if conditions change without notice. Focus on gathering information to make informed decisions about finances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If someone close seems willing to take whatever you dish out, make sure you are serving kindness, empathy and understanding. Loved ones may welcome your requests with open arms — don't be afraid to ask for help

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Yesterday's misunderstanding can be forgotten during a moment of forgiveness — a partner or loved one will probably not hold a grudge over something inconsequential. Flattery is fun, but self-validation is forever.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Discover new avenues of profit to achieve long term security. You can maintain your strength in any negotiation if you keep a cool head and adjust your strategies accordingly. You may choose to rethink an investment plan.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Never expect something for nothing; someone may grant a favor but may want it repaid later. This is fine, energies need to stay in balance. Use caution if trying to rescue a person — rescue only works with animals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Back to the drawing board. There is likely too much going on right now for you to present your latest idea without interruptions from outside sources. Build inner peace by spending quiet time on self-work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — The road less traveled might be exciting to anticipate but may not have anything of value to offer. Use experience and some quick thinking to tackle a problem head-on and you should get excellent results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 19) — A recipe for a well-rounded life might be one part business and one part pleasure. Determination and willpower may be all that is needed to get a business project up and running. Use your sweetness to fire up romance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Someone may not recognize your attempts to achieve a compromise. The golden gates could be open to receive a small windfall. Wait a few more days, however, before you make a major purchase.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — A little genuine kindness goes a long way. Offering a thoughtful indulgence may comfort a loved one and help them to feel better. Reserve business matters for working hours and focus on family and friends during free time.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Actions speak louder than words. Just being there for moral support may be all that is required. Be generous and encouraging toward the people you value whether they are friends, family members or coworkers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't let someone rain on your parade. A family member may be tired out or unable to match your resourcefulness. Try to match your expectations to what is realistic now and you can improve a relationship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Reevaluate your value system considering a set of new priorities. Look at a savings account as a source of security rather than as money waiting to be spent. A phone call could help make a passing desire a reality.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It makes more sense to lean on logic than on wishful thinking. Someone close who is usually reliable and trustworthy might be carried away by a get-rich scheme. A good friend can bail you out of an awkward situation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may be surprised to learn that someone is more trustworthy than you thought. You could feel guilty for doubting that person and go overboard with compliments or gifts. Use good sense about investments and purchases.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Follow your head, and your heart will not be far behind. You may have a desire to accomplish something worthwhile, and your policy is to only move forward if you can be fair and equitable to everyone involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Do what you can to fortify key associations. When you pay attention to nurturing fluctuating business relationships, you can retain valuable alliances and this can help you anticipate anything that might go wrong.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Give in when change is inevitable, the sage says, "let go, or be dragged." Find something worthwhile to occupy your mind and seek out a fresh perspective. Steer clear of those with negative attitudes or general bad vibes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Your personal attractiveness is on the upswing, so you can make a good impression in public. Before you make a major expenditure, talk over plans with a friend or loved one who can help keep you grounded.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Avoid being trapped by tunnel vision. You may be so focused on pursuing a personal fantasy that you might miss out on something more important. Put a new project aside until you are sure it is worthwhile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — The apprentice eventually becomes the master. All your hard work and determination can pay off but first you must pay your dues. Self-discipline and patience may be needed to handle difficult people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Any doubts may simply be the darkness before the dawn. If you experience a creative block or feel like your hopes are destroyed, take a step back. It is likely only a temporary situation; don't make irrevocable decisions.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Panther women remain unbeaten in HCAC

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover women's basketball remained unbeaten in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play with a 67-48 win over Earlham at home on Saturday.

The Panthers raced out to an 18-8 lead at the first quarter break only to see Earlham cut that margin in half by halftime. Hanover then outscored the Quakers 20-15 in the third to take a 50-40 lead into the final quarter and pulled away over the closing 10 minutes for the win.

Katherine Benter came off the bench to score 17 points and pull down seven rebounds to lead Hanover while fellow reserve Taylor Heath scored 10 points. Grace Bezold had nine points and six rebounds.

Hanover, now 8-4 overall, improves to 7-0 in the HCAC. The Panthers host archrival Franklin on Wednesday and Manchester on Saturday at Collier Arena.

MEN KNOCK OFF EARLHAM

Hanover men's basketball erupted in the second half and rallied from a 14-point halftime deficit to beat Earlham 88-75 on Saturday at home.

The Panthers struggled to keep pace with the one-win Quakers over the first 20 minutes and went into the lockerroom trailing 44-30 at halftime. Hanover then blistered the nets to shoot 71% (22-for-31) from the floor in the second half while racking up 58 points to catch the Quakers and pull away for the win.

Brice Gilman was 9-for-13 shooting from the floor — including 4-of-5 on 3-pointers — and scored 22 points to lead Hanover. Matt Munoz scored 17 points off the bench, Coleman Sater scored 16 points and Max Greenamoyer had 15 points.

Hanover, now 8-5 overall and 4-2 HCAC, travels to Franklin on Wednesday and hosts Manchester on Saturday.

Madison swimmers cruise to victory in own invite

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's swimmers picked up 17 individual wins and cruised to victory in its annual January Invitational on Saturday.

The Cubs scored a combined 707 points in the event to easily outdistance runner-up South Ripley, which had 356 points. Oldenburg placed third with 305 and Switzerland County was fourth with 275.

"This is always a very fun meet because we have several friends from neighboring schools that have been swimming together since they were very young with the H2O swim club," Madison coach Ashley Schutte said. "And to see them competing for their high schools and cheering one another on is always a great day."

Picking up wins for the Madison girls were: Alyssa Storm, 200 free, 2:32.89; Lilly Canida, 200 IM, 2:27.25; Reilly Kuppler, 50 free, 25.87 and 100 back, 1:09.08; Emily Nay, 100 fly, 1:10.38; Emma Wynn, Canida, Nay and Kuppler, 200 medley relay, 2:05.97 and 400 free relay, 4:09.72; and Canida, Avery Johnson, Wynn and Nay, 200 free relay, 1:54.81.

Winners for the Madison boys were: Kyle Roney, 200 free, 2:00.21; Gavin McMahon, 50 free, 23.69; Graham Klein, 100 fly, 1:00.00; Peyton Ford, 100 free, 52.08 and 100 back, 1:03.05; Camdyn Sever, 100 breast, 1:05.88; Ford, Sever, Max Thompson and McMahon, 200 medley relay, 1:47.32; Ford, Roney, Klein and McMahon, 200 free relay, 1:39.22; and Thompson, Klein, Roney and Sever, 400 free relay. 3:47.66.

Other top finishes for the Madison girls were: Callie Anderson, second, 100 fly, 1:19.67 and third, 100 breast, 1:29.34; Wynn, second, 100 free, 1:04.60; Penelope Bibbs, second, 100 back, 1:13.69 and third, 500 free, 6:40.36; Johnson, second, 100 breast, 1:26.87 and third, 200 IM, 2:43.00 and Lexi Sullivan, third, 200 free, 2:45.07.

Other top finishes for the Madison boys were: Beckham Cornelius, second, 200 free, 2:20.58; Sever, second, 200 IM, 2:11.53; Thompson, second, 50 free, 24.48 and second, 100 fly, 1:00.92; Trenton Schafer, third, 200 free, 2:26.00; McMahon, third, 100 free, 53.82; and Roney, third, 100 back, 1:07.06.

Kaelin Taylor and Brooklyn Flanders each picked up wins for the Switzerland County girls. Taylor won the 500 free in 6:17.62 and Flanders won the 100 breast with a personal-best time of 1:26.23.

Other top finishes for the Switzerland girls were: Flanders, second, 200 free, 2:38.17; Carly Bennett, Flanders, Ava Cole and Taylor, second, 200 medley relay, 2:24.32; Taylor, third, 100 fly, 1:26.76; Bennett, Amber Detmer, Emily Oatman and Cole, third, 200 free relay, 2:15.53; and Taylor, Oatman, Flanders and Cole, third, 400 free relay, 4:58.10.

Top finishes for the Switzerland boys were: Nathan Furnish, second, 100 free, 52.57 and second, 100 breast, 1:08.01; Caleb Ridener, second, 100 back, 1:03.58 and third, 200 IM, 2:23.48; and Derek Hoskins, fourth, 50 free, 25.89 and fourth, 100 fly, 1:08.83.

Madison travels to Columbus East on Tuesday then hosts Greensburg on Thursday. Switzerland competes in the Ohio River Valley Conference championships at Milan on Saturday.

LOCAL LEAGUES

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

Hanover Parks Department

Girls Basketball

"A" Division (K/1st)

Hanover Squishes 26, Hanover Baby Polar Bears 24 — McKenzie Garvey scored 12 points for the Squishes. Hayden Curry had 16 for the Baby Polar Bears.

"B" Division (2/3)

SW 3rd Grade Lady Rebels 40, Hanover Bulldogs 7 — Michelle Brawner had 10 points for the Lady Rebels; Charlee Black had four points for the Bulldogs.

SW 3rd Grade Lady Rebels 33, Hanover Hoosiers 12 — Michelle Brawner had 10 points for the Lady Rebels; Braylinn Curry had six points for the Hoosiers.

"C" Division (4/5/6)

SW 6th Grade Lady Rebels 33, Hanover Teal Sharks 11 — Payton Ice-Cable had 12 points for the Lady Rebels; Sydney Spitler had seven for the Teal Sharks.

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Hilltoppers roll to 5th straight win, 53-38 over Oldenburg

BY JORDAN BEAR

Any worries about Shawe being weary from its game with Rock Creek on Thursday night, were quickly put to rest by the Hilltoppers Friday in a dominating 53-38 girls basketball win over Oldenburg at home.

The win was the Hilltoppers' fifth straight and came against a 7-5 squad in 2022-23.

"You couldn't have asked for a better performance tonight. I'm so proud of them," Shawe coach Drew Kring said. "We had such a tough and hard fought game last night with Rock Creek and to come back less the 24 hours later and be able to beat a very solid Oldenburg team, I'm so proud of them. I couldn't have asked for anything more out of them tonight."

It was an entertaining back and forth game between the two teams in the first quarter.

After Shawe and Oldenburg exchanged the lead early on, it was Shawe that held a 15-11 lead after the first quarter.

The second quarter was the most lopsided stretch of the game as the Hilltoppers used a late run to outscore the Twisters by 10 and take a 32-18 lead into halftime.

Chloe Preocanin

Shawe's Audrey Barron puts up a shot during the Hilltoppers' win over Oldenburg Academy on Friday.

Although Oldenburg tried to cut into that margin in the second half, Shawe matched the visitors basket-for-basket, and held strong defensively to seize the 53-38 win.

OHIO RIVER VALLEY
Girls

	Conf	Pct	All	Pct
Shawe	3- 1	.750	11- 5	.687
Switzerland	2-1	.667	10-6	.625
South Ripley	2-1	.667	10-8	.555
Jac-Cen-Del	1-1	.500	7-10	.412
Southwestern	1-1	.500	7-12	.368
Rising Sun	0-0	.000	8-7	.533
Milan	0-4	.000	3-14	.176

Outstanding guard play from Shawe once again led the Hilltoppers to victory, as stellar freshman Audrey Barron had another great night with a game-high 20 points.

Sophomore Allison Knoebel also had a very good game to score 15 points, sophomore Ava Turner had 10 points, and freshman Hunter Mote chipped in eight.

An former outstanding guard in his own right, Kring knows guard play drives a lot of good teams.

"Having great guards is fun and it's what drives us," Kring said. "They play so well together, plus you throw in Ava on the wing who regularly scores in double figures, it's fun to watch them play. They play together and all have a will to win."

Barron, who posted her second-straight 20-point performance, said she simply wants to do her part to help the team win.

"I'm happy with my play but I'm happier that we won," Barron said. "We're playing together offensively but also defensively. I just make sure myself and everyone else plays hard in practice every day. We love playing together and hopefully we keep on going into the final month."

Oldenburg was led Ashley Borgman's 12 points while Ellie Ryan scored 10 points.

The Hilltoppers, now 11-5 on the season return to Ohio River Valley Conference play on Thursday night when they make the trip to Ripley County to take on Milan.

Shawe leds the ORVC with a 3-1 record but is among five teams with just one loss (Rising Sun has yet to play its first conference game) and can take a huge step toward their first conference crown in 29 years with a win over the Indians (3-14, 0-3 ORVC).

Late 1st-half run propels Oldenburg over Shawe

BY JORDAN BEAR

A run at the end of the first half proved to be the difference as Shawe fell 61-47 to Oldenburg Academy at home on Friday.

Oldenburg was clinging to an 18-16 lead with three minutes left in the half before useing a 12-0 run to grab a 14-point lead heading into halftime.

The Hilltoppers couldn't make up that difference in the second half.

"We can't allow a team to go on a late run like that and expect to win," Shawe coach Dan Hambrick said. "We have to not just fall asleep on defense and I feel like we did that late and that's the difference in the game."

Even though the Twisters had a double-digit lead, Shawe didn't go away as several defensive stops and buckets by leading scorer Philip Kahn allowed the Hilltoppers to pull to within six early in the fourth quarter.

Unfortunately for Shawde, the hole proved too big to dig out of and the Twisters were able to close out the game for the win.

Hambrick said he was happy with the effort in the second half but was also very disappointed with the effort in the first half.

"We're down one starter but that's not an excuse to play like we did in the first half," Hambrick said. "Our effort in the first half simply wasn't good. I'm proud of the effort by the guys in the second half, but this is a four-quarter game and you need to play all four quarters if you want to win."

Kahn led all scorers with 34 points while Oldenburg was led by Henry Wanstrath, who scored 19 and Connor Miles added a dozen while Jacob Hoff scored 10.

Shawe, now 5-7, will travel to Trinity Lutheran on Friday night.

"We have another chance to win on Friday night and we need to be ready," Hambrick said. "Hopefully we'll be at full strength and get a win on the road. We have the potential to get better but the guys have to put in the work."

Shawe's Eric Liu (12) whips a pass out of a trap by three Oldenburg Academy defenders during Friday's game at Meny Gym in Madison.

Chloe Preocanin

Madison sends 3 to state finals

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Three Madison wrestlers placed in the top four to earn berths to the girls wrestling state finals in the IHSGW Regionals at Franklin on Friday.

Senior Ally Zuckshwerdt won her weight class while Jasmine Mireles and Maylie Skinner each placed fourth. All three will compete in the IHSGW State Finals at Mooresville on Friday.

On Saturday, Madison's team squad won all four of its matches to claim the Nick Shadday Memorial Invitational at home. No individual details were available on that event.

Madison, now 8-4 in dual meets this year, returns to action on Tuesday, Jan. 17 when it travels to Jennings County.

Houston back at No. 1, Kansas State jumps to 11th in AP poll

BY AARON BEARD
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Houston is back at No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 men's college basketball poll for the second time this season, while Kansas State continued its unexpectedly strong start by leaping from unranked to the verge of the top 10.

The Cougars received 34 of 60 first-place votes in Monday's poll to return to the top after a two-week stay there earlier this season. Kansas was second and had 22 first-place votes, while Purdue fell from No. 1 to No. 3 and got the other four first-place votes after suffering its first loss at Rutgers last week.

Before this season, the Cougars (16-1) hadn't been No. 1 since the high-flying "Phi Slama Jama" days of the 1980s.

"Every team, you just have to bring them along because they're all different," Houston coach Kelvin Sampson said after Sunday's win at Cincinnati. "Our DNA remains the same, but the faces change. … As the season goes on, guys get better and better."

Kansas State jumped to No. 11 after an impressive week with two road wins against ranked opponents under first-year coach Jerome Tang. Picked to finish last in the 10-team Big 12, the Wildcats scored 116 points at Texas then edged Baylor 97-95 in overtime.

That helped Kansas State (14-1) match its best start since the 1958-59 season, while bringing the Wildcats back into the AP Top 25 for the first time since the end of the 2018-19 season.

"We're not trying to prove doubters (wrong)," Tang said after the Baylor win. "We're trying to just continue to believe in ourselves ... That's a great accomplishment for these young men. But none of that matters if we lay an egg the next game, right?"

THE TOP TIER

Alabama and Tennessee gave the Southeastern Conference a pair of top-five teams, with the Crimson Tide returning to No. 4 for the first time since spending a week there in December and the Vols hitting their season high at fifth.

Connecticut, UCLA, Gonzaga, Arizona and Texas rounded out the top 10, with the Longhorns falling four spots after a tumultuous week that included the firing of coach Chris Beard as he faces a felony domestic family violence charge.

RISING

No. 14 Iowa State climbed nine spots after road wins against Oklahoma and No. 17 TCU. No. 12 Xavier rose six spots after pushing its winning streak to nine games. In all, 10 teams climbed from last week's poll.

SLIDING

No. 24 Duke took the week's biggest tumble, falling eight spots after a blowout loss at North Carolina State followed by a narrow win at Boston College. No. 16 Miami and No. 18 Wisconsin joined Arizona and Texas in falling four spots. In all, nine teams fell from last week's rankings.

STATUS QUO

TCU and No. 20 Missouri were the only teams to hold their position from last week.

WELCOME

While Kansas State grabbed the spotlight for the week's new additions, the Big East added two teams with No. 19 Providence and No. 25 Marquette joining the poll. It marked the first appearance this year for the Friars and second for the Golden Eagles.

No. 23 San Diego State also returned for a second stint in the poll this year.

FAREWELL (FOR NOW)

Indiana (No. 15), Baylor (No. 19), New Mexico (No. 21) and Ohio State (No. 24) fell out of the poll, with Scott Drew's Bears now unranked for the first time since the 2018-19 season.

CONFERENCE WATCH

The Big 12 and SEC each had five ranked teams to lead the country, followed by the Big East with four teams. The Atlantic Coast Conference had three, while the Big Ten and Pac-12 each had two.

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Alexandra Danielle Pettit, whose mailing address is: 605 W. 2nd Street, Madison, IN 47250, and if different, my residence address is: 2137 Cragmont Street, Madison, IN 47250, in the Jefferson County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Alexandra Danielle Pettit has filed a petition in the Jefferson Court requesting that her name be changed to Alexandra Danielle Roszczynski.
Notice is further given that the haring will be held on said Petition on February 28th, 2023 at 9:00 am.
Alexandra Danielle Pettit
Date 01/04/23
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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE JEFFERSON
CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.
39C01-2301-EU-000001

IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE
ESTATE OF
WAYNE MEADOWS,
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on January 4, 2023, Howard Shipman, Sr. was appointed personal representative of the estate of Wayne Meadows, deceased, who died on November 27, 2022.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 4th day of January 2023.
Tabatha Eblen
Clerk, Jefferson Circuit Court
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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY
ESTATE DOCKET 39C01-
2301-EU-000002
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED
ESTATE OF
VICKI D. SOMMER, DECEASED.
Devon M. Sharpe, JENNER,
PATTISON & SHARPE,
508 E. Main Street, Madison,
IN 47250; (812) 265-5132
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY,
INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VICKI D. SOMMER,
DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Robert C. Sommer was, on the 4th day of January, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of Vicki D. Sommer, deceased, who died on the 25th day of February, 2020.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 4th day of January, 2023.
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of
Jefferson County, IN
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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY
ESTATE DOCKET 39C01-
2212-EU-000102
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED
ESTATE OF
JUNE A. KERNEN, DECEASED.
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PATTISON & SHARPE,
508 E. Main Street, Madison,
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUNE A. KERNEN,
DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Jeff Robert Kernen and Richard B. Kernen were, on the 3rd day of January, 2023, appointed personal representatives of the estate of June A. Kernen, deceased, who died on the 9th day of November, 2022.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is
earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 3rd day of January, 2023.
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit
Court of Jefferson County, IN
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice Of Sheriff's Sale/Blake A. Holmes
To The Owners Of The Within Described Real Estate And All Interested Parties: Notice Of Sheriff's Sale By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Madison County, Indiana, in Cause No. 48C06-2202-MF-000047 wherein Lakeview Loan Servicing, was Plaintiff, and Blake A. Holmes, et al was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 17 day of February, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 A.M, or as soon thereafter as is possible, the sale will be held on www.zeusauction.com, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Madison County, Indiana. Lot numbered 671 I Summerlake at Summerbrook Phase II, Section 6, a subdivision in Madison County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded October 19, 2004 in Plat Book 31, Pages 14-18 as Instrument No. 200425488 in the Office of the Recorder of Madison County, Indiana. More Commonly know as 9691 W Quarter Moon Dr, Pendleton, IN 46064 Parcel No. 48-15-28-204-106.000-014 Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. /s/ Scott C. Mellinger Sheriff of Madison County, Indiana Phillip A. Norman #13734-64 Benjamin Pliskie #30407-45 Phillip A. Norman P.C. Date Township Street Address 9691 W Quarter Moon Dr, Pendleton, IN 46064 The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. Please Serve: Name Blake A. Holmes Address 9691 W Quarter Moon Dr, Pendleton, IN 46064 Type of Service Sheriff
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LEGAL NOTICE
Notice Of Sheriff's Sale /Angela J. Mitchem/Derrick D. Mitchem
To The Owners Of The Within Described Real Estate And All Interested Parties: Notice Of Sheriff's Sale By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Madison County, Indiana, in Cause No. 48C06-2203-MF-000068 wherein PNC Bank National Association successor by merger to National City Bank was Plaintiff, and Derrick D. Mitchem, et al was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 17 day of February, 2023 at the hour of 10:00 A.M, or as soon thereafter as is possible, the sale will be held on www.zeusauction.com, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Madison County, Indiana. Beginning At A Point On The South Line Of The Southwest Quarter Of Section 20, Township 20 North, Range 8 East, Said Point Being South 90 Degrees And 00 Minutes West (Assumed Bearing) 666.3 Feet From The Southeast Corner Of Said Southwest Quarter, And Running Thence South 90 Degrees, And 00 Seconds West 333.15 Feet Along Said South Line, Thence North 00 Degrees, 01 Minutes 58 Seconds West, 2,667.5 Feet To The North Line Of Said Southwest Quarter, Thence North 89 Degrees, 56 Minutes And 52 Seconds East 332.19 Feet Along Said North Line, Thence South 00 Degrees, 03 Minutes And 12 Seconds East 2,667.8 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. Being A Part Of The East-Half Of The Southwest Quarter Of Section 20, Township 20 North, Range 8 East And Containing 20.373 Acres, More Or Less Subject To Legal Rights-Of-Way And Easements Of Record. More Commonly Known As: 1352 E 400 N, Anderson, IN 46012 Parcel No. 48-07-20-300-007.000-029 Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. /s/ Scott C. Mellinger Sheriff of Madison County, Indiana Benjamin Pliskie #30407-45 Phillip A. Norman #13734-64 Phillip A. Norman P.C. Date Township Street Address 1352 E 400 N, Anderson, IN 46012 The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. Please Serve: Name Angela J. Mitchem Address 2320 E. Cross Street; Anderson IN 46012 Type of Service: Sheriff Name Derrick D. Mitchem Address 1352 E. 400 N. Anderson IN 46012 Type of Service Sheriff
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Illinois women end 23-year AP Top 25 drought, LSU on rise

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Off to one of the best starts in school history, Illinois cracked The Associated Press Top 25 women's basketball poll for the first time in 23 years on Monday.

The Illini (14-3) are ranked No. 24 in their first Top 25 appearance since Nov. 27, 2000. It's been a remarkable turnaround under first-year coach Shauna Green. The team was 7-20 last season and just 1-13 in the Big Ten. Illinois hasn't had a winning season since 2012-13.

"It means a lot. I understand how far we've come in a really short time," said Green, who came to Illinois after a successful run coaching at Dayton. "Most of the kids weren't alive the last time we were ranked. I was a sophomore in college."

South Carolina remained the No. 1 team, garnering all 28 votes from a national media panel. The Gamecocks have been No. 1 for 29 consecutive weeks. They were followed in the poll by Stanford and Ohio State, which rallied to beat Illinois on Sunday.

UConn moved up one spot to fourth. The Huskies had their game against DePaul on Sunday postponed when they had only six scholarship players available because of injuries.

LSU moved up two spots to fifth. It's the first time the Tigers have been that high since Dec. 14, 2009, when they were also fifth. LSU (16-0) is off to the best start in school history, besting the mark held by the 2002-03 team that won its first 15 games.

South Carolina, Ohio State and LSU are the only remaining unbeaten teams in the country. The Gamecocks and Tigers meet on Feb. 12 in South Carolina.

Indiana, Notre Dame, UCLA, Maryland and Utah rounded out the top 10. The Utes lost their first game of the season, falling at Colorado last Friday.

The Illini, who haven't made the NCAA Tournament since 2003, ended a 14-game losing streak last week to Northwestern. That gave Illinois 14 wins in its first 16 games, which was the best start ever for the school. Its losses have come to Indiana, Ohio State and Delaware.

"If you would have told me in the summer we'd be up 17 at Ohio State and have a chance to win I'd tell you were crazy," Green said. "Perspective changes really quickly. (Getting ranked) is something we got to be happy about, Be proud of it, It has to motivate us even more."

Villanova also re-entered the poll this week coming in at No. 25. The Wildcats had a five-week run in the poll earlier this season.

St. John's and Creighton fell out of the poll.

RISING BEARS

Baylor moved to 3-0 in the Big 12 after knocking off then-No. 17 Oklahoma and No. 21 Kansas last week. Caitlin Bickle was a big reason why, posting double-doubles in both games. The Bears moved up five spots to No. 18 in the poll this week.

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in a key Ohio River Valley Conference showdown. The Pacers then travel to New Washington on Thursday.

SWITZ LOSES TO RISING SUN

Switzerland County boys basketball lost 62-53 to Rising Sun to finish fourth in the Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn on Saturday.

The Pacers' Jacob Williams was named to the all-tournament team.

Switzerland, now 5-7 on the season, travels to Southwestern on Friday and heads to South Ripley on Saturday.

CARROLL BEATEN BY SHELBY

Carroll County boys basketball lost 67-47 at home to Shelby County on Saturday.

Carroll, now 1-13 on the season, travels to Gallatin County on Tuesday and hosts Eminence on Friday.

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